

## MacGregor scheme to beat shortage

# Local opt-out plan to free teachers' pay

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

COUNCILS will be able to opt out of national pay bargaining and strike their own deals with local leaders of teachers' unions under sweeping reforms designed to let market forces solve the growing problem of staff shortages.

John MacGregor, the education secretary, has won the backing of Margaret Thatcher and cabinet colleagues for a new approach to determining school pay and is expected to make a Commons statement on his scheme early next week.

Labour-controlled councils and the Opposition will criticise his proposals, accusing him of dividing the profession and the education service. The leaders of the big teachers' unions will also fiercely oppose the move, which they will see as an assault on their considerable power. Their aim will be to persuade members to boycott local negotiations.

It is understood, however, that a number of Tory councils are keen to break with national bargaining on salaries and conditions and pay the market rate to recruit and retain teachers in short supply. Conservative councils such as Wandsworth and Westminster are believed to be among education authorities pressing for greater flexibility in setting salary levels.

Mr MacGregor's announcement will follow his disclosure earlier this week that teaching vacancies have risen by more than 2,000 in the last two years. Problems are particularly acute in London and in certain subjects, including mathematics, science and modern languages, and he believes that the best way of attracting qualified staff is to give education authorities the freedom to compete with salary levels in industry.

Local flexibility in determining pay and conditions would also make it easier for the maintained sector to compete with the private sector, where salaries tend to be higher, and where there are often benefits such as subsidised housing.

Mr MacGregor's move will

also be seen as part of a wider move by the government to unravel national pay bargaining in the public sector. Kenneth Clarke, the health secretary, has expressed an interest in scrapping health service review bodies, and earlier this week Eric Caines, the NHS director of personnel, predicted that they could be gone within two years.

The education secretary's announcement will foreshadow a bill in the next session of parliament to restore teachers' negotiating rights. These were scrapped by Kenneth Baker, his predecessor, in 1987 after damaging strikes over pay and conditions. Since then, teachers' pay has been determined by the interim advisory committee, a form of temporary review body, which has taken evidence before making recommendations to the government.

Mr MacGregor will act on proposals he put forward in April for reviving direct national negotiations between the teachers' unions and their local authority employers. The government would have no presence at the bargaining table, but it would have the right to over-ride an agreement if it exceeded the range of white-collar settlements for the year in question. There would also be a deadline for the completion of negotiations. In the event of a stalemate, a body similar to the committee would be asked to intervene.

However, the proposals to allow councils to withdraw



MacGregor: won cabinet backing for reforms

from the national forum and reach their own deals will prove the most controversial. In the consultation period that finished last month, authorities expressed concern about the prospect of teachers being lured across council boundaries by the prospect of more attractive terms in a neighbouring authority. This is particularly likely to happen in London where the boroughs could find themselves in fierce competition for well-qualified and experienced staff. The consultation exercise failed to produce an agreement among the teachers' unions about the best way forward.

Mr MacGregor hinted at his move earlier this week in an interview in *The Times*, when he said that staff shortages were concentrated in particular areas and subjects, and spoke of measures to alleviate the difficulty. "The willingness to pay differential pay for people who have skills which have a high demand in the market place has to be one of them," he said.

Education department sources have confirmed the education secretary's determination to break with decades of national pay scales and to inject flexibility into a system covering 400,000 staff. The system has already been made less rigid by a combination of incentive allowances and bonus payments in shortage subjects and areas.

One said: "The market value of someone with skills in chemistry and physics is higher than that of someone with a cookery qualification. You just cannot continue to pay them both the same."

Mr MacGregor's scheme will contain safeguards against possible abuses of local bargaining. Local education authorities and governing bodies of grant-maintained schools wishing to go it alone will have to apply to the education secretary for permission to withdraw from national negotiations and state the machinery they intended to put in its place.

Authorities would also have to consult the governors of their schools and local teachers' unions before making an application. Governors of grant-maintained schools would have to seek the views of their staff. In addition, the education secretary would have to give his consent to early changes in local pay bargaining arrangements.

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## Plunder at Open

JAMIE Spence, a little-known golfer from Kent, came spectacularly into prominence on the second day of the Open championship at St Andrews yesterday. After a sedate level par 72 on Thursday he plundered eight birdies from the Old Course for a 65.

Spence, aged 27, had never competed in the Open before. His total for two rounds, 137, brought him within one stroke of the leader in the club house, Payne Stewart, the United States PGA champion.

In the second one-day international at Trent Bridge yesterday, India beat England by five wickets with two overs remaining to clinch the Texaco Trophy.

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Police experts inspecting the damage caused by the IRA bomb at the London Stock Exchange yesterday

## Holidays start with hottest 1990 day

By RAY CLANCY

JUDGES and barristers took off their wigs and gowns, ice creams melted in the 32C (90F) heat and city workers left early to enjoy the last hours of the hottest day in Britain so far this year.

Bronzed workmen downed tools in the midday sun, sunbathers perspired under the shade of trees in central London parks, dogs panting and even the inability of the nation's thirsty hedgehogs to get enough to drink was highlighted.

As the school holidays begin the scorching temperatures are expected again over much of the country today but cooler air on Sunday could make the weekend more bearable although still sunny, weathermen said. Only Scotland failed to bask in the high temperatures but golfers at the Open championship at St Andrews found the 22C (72F) more pleasing.

In Japan, a similar heatwave has led to three deaths from heatstroke, a record number of ambulance calls and fears about water shortages. The temperature reached 40C (104F), the fourth highest ever recorded. Continued on page 26, col 2

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## Eight warnings before Stock Exchange blast

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AN IRA bomber concealed a time bomb inside the Stock Exchange hours or even days before it exploded yesterday, causing considerable damage, the Salvation Army and the *Financial Times*. One man, with an Irish accent, is thought to have made the calls using a code sign that has not been used before.

The bomb, thought to contain up to 100lb of explosive, could have injured or killed many workers within the exchange, which employs 900, but a series of telephone warnings began over 30 minutes before the device exploded. About 300 staff were cleared from the exchange, in Threadneedle Street, well before the bomb exploded. The blast came just as the morning rush hour should have been slackening.

The IRA has not given warnings on the mainland for

many years but this time there were eight in 20 minutes to police, the exchange, Reuters news agency, the fire brigade, the Salvation Army and the *Financial Times*. One man, with an Irish accent, is thought to have made the calls using a code sign that has not been used before.

Police believe the bomb, left in the men's toilets behind the public gallery overlooking the trading floor, was placed early yesterday morning, over night or perhaps earlier. The toilet was cleaned yesterday morning, suggesting the bomb could have been hidden in or behind a water closet or loosened tiles. It blew a hole in the rear of the exchange causing damage to about 10 per cent of the building and closing the London Traded Options Mar-

ket for the rest of the day, although the exchange confirmed it would reopen on Monday.

Elsewhere trading, which is carried out on computer screens at individual broking firms, continued as normal. The exchange's central computer is in the East End and was unaffected. The lack of computer staff however stopped the exchange calculating the volume of shares traded on the day or the level of the FT-30, 500, or all share indices.

By chance or calculation the IRA team chose the eighth anniversary of the attacks in Hyde Park and Regent's Park for their latest bomb.

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## North conviction is overturned by court

From MARTIN FLETCHER, WASHINGTON

IN A surprise ruling, a US appeal court overturned one of Oliver North's three Iran-Contra convictions, paving the way for the possible reversal of the other convictions.

In a majority ruling a three-judge panel decided that the former Marine and White House aide was entitled to a fresh trial on the charge that he shredded sensitive administration documents because

his jury was given erroneous instructions by the judge.

The panel also ordered Judge Gerhard Gesell to investigate whether the prosecution's evidence in last year's trial was "tainted" by North's own televised testimony to a congressional committee while he was under immunity from prosecution.

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North: entitled to retrial on document shredding

## Fly-by-night smuggler lands fellows in trouble

From GAVIN BELL  
IN JOHANNESBURG

FÊTÉ as a celebrity in Oranjemund, Namibia, its home town, after flying into a police station with a harness containing £2,500 worth of smuggled uncut diamonds strapped to its back, a wayward racing pigeon has landed all its feathered fellows in the country in trouble.

The authorities have ordered all pigeon fanciers to register their charges after the Oranjemund bird, winging its way in darkness across the forbidden territory of the country's heavily guarded diamond-mining area, apparently lost its way and selected the Oranjemund station of CDM, the security arm of the De

Beers mining corporation, as a landing site.

Last year in their area, thanks to an elaborate security net involving Jeep and helicopter patrols, body searches and lie-detector tests, police recovered diamonds worth more than £2 million from thieving miners. The toes and heels of miners' boots are regularly used as nefarious hiding places. Now, it seems, pigeons are being recruited as accomplices.

Policemen fed and watered the wayward Oranjemund bird and released it in the hope that it would immediately fly home. After only a short flight, however, it returned to the police station. The police did not give up. Next day the bird was again

released and this time it led the police to its loft at the home of Paul Jorh, the local assistant postmaster who, with an associate, was promptly arrested and charged with illegal diamond dealing. The two men appeared in court and were released on bail.

Chief Inspector Hennie Brink, head of CDM's gold and diamond branch, said it was the first such case to be reported in Namibia, although the "fly-by-night" method has previously been used in South Africa. Keith Whitehead, general manager of CDM, said: "It's quite amusing, but actually it's an old trick."

Colin Osman, editor of Britain's *The Racing Pigeon* magazine, disagrees about its amusement value. He

said last night that, if the story were true, "it is disgraceful to use a pigeon in a way which could bring more restrictions upon a sport which is already tied down with far too many stupid agriculture ministry rules. People who race pigeons do not wish to be associated in any way with international diamond smugglers."

He conceded that it would be possible for homing pigeons to transport small quantities of drugs across the English Channel from the Continent. "The irony is that you would still have to smuggle your pigeon out of Britain in the first place to put your plan into operation. There would be a risk that in doing so you would impair its homing instinct."

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Yves Saint Laurent talks to Liz Smith about life and the threat of death, and his partners talk about him

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Installing a swimming pool has become a DIY growth area. What are the costs and pitfalls?

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Sir James Savile, who has "seven residences but no homes", on his nomadic life as the "archetypal single fellow"

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Can Greg LeMond win the Tour de France, which ends tomorrow in Paris on one of the biggest sports weekends of the summer

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# Thais held British girls after drugs tip from London

By MARK SOUSTER

THE parents of two teenage British girls held in Thailand on heroin smuggling charges arrived in Bangkok last night as it was confirmed that the girls had been arrested after a tip-off from intelligence sources in London.

From the time Patricia Cahill, aged 17, and Karyn Smith, aged 19, arrived in Bangkok they were followed by undercover Thai narcotics agents in an operation that illustrates the close co-operation between international agencies.

Thai police had been alerted by Customs and Excise, who had become suspicious about the flight arrangements made by the girls. They had bought air tickets direct to Bangkok with returns via Amsterdam, and the Gambia, well-known drug havens.

A source in London said yesterday: "The itineraries stuck out like a sore thumb, so Thai authorities were told to expect two girls from Britain who should be watched. It seems everything went like clockwork."

Miss Cahill, from Birmingham, and Miss Smith, from Solihull, were watched on their journey north and followed on their return to the capital. They were arrested at Don Mueang airport, Bangkok, with 67lbs of high-grade her-

oin allegedly hidden in their luggage in a variety of containers. The drugs have an estimated street value in the West of about £4 million.

The source said that it seemed the girls had been used as couriers, known as "donkeys", by professional drug barons in Birmingham, ruthless men who cared little for a courier's fate. They know from where and from whom to obtain large quantities of illicit drugs in the Golden Triangle region.

In Bangkok a narcotics officer confirmed that Thai police had information indicating that a drugs syndicate in the West Midlands was involved. John Francis, the British consul in Bangkok, said that he did not know if the girls had been duped into acting as couriers.

The girls were separated yesterday for the first time since their arrest on Wednesday night. Miss Smith was in reasonable spirits but Miss Cahill was very upset. She was transferred to the Ban Prae juvenile detention centre from the airport police station where both had been held.

A close watch was being kept on her. Her parents arrived last night accompanied by a reporter from a British national Sunday newspaper.

At Ban Prae, or House of Mercy, there are about 160 girls on remand for offences including drug-handling, prostitution and theft. Miss Cahill was given a medical check and urine tests to determine whether she was addicted to drugs.

Miss Smith will stay at the police station until she appears in the criminal court next week and will then be remanded in custody at Bangkok women's jail.

In a telephone interview from Bangkok, Miss Smith said yesterday that she and her friend had become entangled in drug smuggling unwittingly and had been duped by one of their boyfriends who was supposed to meet them at Bangkok airport.

Instead, she said, a Chinese man called Verno "came up to us and gave us \$100 each to book into the airport hotel". Miss Smith, who said she was being well treated by police and guards, said that at the hotel "we met this guy called Sean who gave us containers which he said had sweets and soap and stuff". He had asked them to take the containers to Africa, she said, because they had difficulty buying them over there.

"I took the lid off some of the big stuff and there was soap in there. I didn't think anything of it."

At the airport to catch their flight the girls were approached by a police officer before they reached customs who asked to check their bags.

"We went off with him, handed him our baggage and sat down and had a laugh about this and that," she said. "We thought it was funny because all they would find was crisps and things. When we saw the heroin I couldn't believe my eyes. I couldn't believe it was heroin. I have never done drugs in my life."

"I said, 'is that cannabis?', and when I found out it was heroin I couldn't even speak. I was breathless. We realised we were in big trouble."

She said that she was so ashamed by what had happened she would rather have the death sentence than go back to England. "I would rather die. I couldn't go back to England with all this."

The conditions in her cell, which she shares with six other people, were disgusting. "We sleep on the floor, the toilet stinks, it is hot and it has got little creatures crawling around all over the place."



Karyn Smith smoking a cigarette in an exercise area of a Bangkok jail yesterday after her arrest at the airport

## Central figure in £43m drugs plot waits for sentence

By DANIEL TREISMAN

EDWARD Richardson, one of the brothers notorious for their gangland activities in the 1960s, will have to wait three months to be sentenced for his part in a £43 million drug smuggling plot.

Richardson, aged 54, a scrap metal merchant, is contesting the Crown's estimate of the profits he made from one of the most lucrative drug operations detected in Britain. He was found guilty of four charges involving plotting to smuggle cocaine through Gatwick, cocaine and cannabis through Southampton, and assisting others to retain the benefits of drug trafficking. He was cleared of plotting to smuggle cannabis through Gatwick.

Yesterday, Frederick Greenfield, aged 41, a publican and former baggage handler, of Bowburn, Co Durham, was cleared at Winchester Crown Court of two charges of conspiring to smuggle cocaine and cannabis through Gatwick airport. He had said he was paid £30,000 to prevent suitcases passing through customs. He said he suspected they contained pornographic material.

Richardson, who served nine years in prison for his part in his brother's crime empire, was a central figure in the network which smuggled large amounts of drugs from South America.

Two tonnes of cannabis and 153 kilos of cocaine, the largest seizure of cocaine targeted directly at the UK, were confiscated by Customs investigators at Portsmouth. The haul, hidden in a consignment of balsam wood on board a ferry from Le Havre, marked the end of an 18-month surveillance called Operation Revolution. The cocaine, shipped from Ecuador, amounted to almost one third of the 450 kilos seized by Customs last year.

Richardson, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Donald Tredwen, aged 56, a car dealer from Crystal Palace, south-east London, sold the drugs to wholesale distributors, taking about 50 per cent of the profit and returning the rest to

Richardson's South American partners. Richardson bought cocaine from South America for £12,000-£13,000 a kilo which he sold on for £26,000 a kilo. Its street value was £240,000 a kilo.

Antonio De Abreu Teixeira, a Colombian businessman based in England, acted as a go-between sending fax messages to Ecuador requesting shipments and sending payments to South America.

After several months of surveillance, customs officers made a breakthrough when they found a shipping bill in a hotel room which led to a hunch that drugs were to be transported on the ship Silver Happiness. It was discovered to have left Ecuador on its way to Le Havre carrying a shipment of balsam wood addressed to Globe Overseas Ltd, a company of which Teixeira was managing director.

Customs officers watched in Le Havre as the container was transferred to the ferry Viking Valiant for the Channel crossing and were waiting for it at Portsmouth. Within 24 hours, all suspects had been arrested. A total £50,000 in cash and one replica gun were found in the houses of ring members.

Teixeira, aged 48, of Blackheath, south-east London, pleaded guilty to plotting to smuggle cocaine through Gatwick, smuggling cocaine and cannabis through Southampton and to assisting others to benefit from the operation. Tredwen admitted plotting the smuggling of cannabis through Gatwick and cocaine through Southampton.

Robert Ritchie, aged 40, of Crawley, West Sussex, and Anthony Dean, aged 39, of Worthing, West Sussex, both former baggage handlers at Gatwick, admitted plotting to import cannabis and cocaine through the airport. Each was paid £16,000 for preventing suitcases passing through customs.

Tredwen, who is contesting the assessments of his profits from the deals, will not be sentenced until October along with Richardson. The others will be sentenced on Monday.

## Visual arts prize is suspended

By SIMON TAIT  
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THE Turner Prize, the contemporary visual arts equivalent of literature's Booker Prize, has been suspended after the collapse of Drexel Burnham Lambert, the bond dealers who sponsored the award.

The Tate Gallery, which has administered the award since its foundation in 1984, said yesterday that, since the company's collapse in February and withdrawal of involvement, the gallery had been reviewing the future of the £10,000 Turner Prize.

The cost of the sponsorship, which includes administration of the selection, has not been revealed but is thought to be about £80,000. The award would have been presented at the Tate in November after a seven-month process of sifting nominations, judging by an expert panel and shortlisting to find an ultimate winner.

A spokeswoman for the Tate said: "Negotiations are well under way with another potential sponsor with whom we should like to work."

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has not made toxocarasis a notifiable disease and many doctors believe thousands of people, especially children, unknowingly suffer from it. The problem was illustrated when 19 out of 133 children picked at random by Bedford county council were found to have been infected by toxocara, five of them needing immediate hospital treatment.

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine estimates that one child a week suffers sight loss from toxocarasis. Researchers at the school who examined soil samples from parks and play areas in London, Birmingham, Glasgow, Belfast, Liverpool, Hull, Exeter, Cardiff, Newcastle and Bristol found that half were dangerously contaminated. Soil samples at half the 10 sites contained live eggs of the parasite and some had particularly high numbers of eggs and larvae, notably all three from Hyde Park.

The environment department said the purpose of the experiment in London's Royal Parks was to reduce health risks caused by dog fouling; the scheme had received a very favourable response from park users and has been successful in keeping the areas free from dog faeces.

## Solicitor admits stealing £800,000

A SENIOR solicitor systematically stole more than £800,000 from clients' trust funds before fleeing to Switzerland, a court was told yesterday.

When he returned secretly to Britain several years later, Andrew Bingham threatened police officers and sprayed CS gas in their faces after they spotted him in Bath, Michael Worsley, QC, for the prosecution, said.

Mr Worsley told Knightsbridge crown court, west London, that Bingham, aged 50, moved large sums of money through corporate bank accounts as part of a laundering operation. Bingham continued to steal money even when the accountants Touche Ross were brought in by Bingham's firm, Theodore Goddard, to investigate the management of one of the trust funds.

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## Electricity barrage may harness tides of Mersey

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A GOVERNMENT-backed private bill to build Britain's first electricity generating barrage across the Mersey is expected to be laid before parliament next year. The 700 megawatt installation, which would harness the tides to produce pollution-free power, could be the first of up to six similar schemes along Britain's western coastline.

In Liverpool yesterday, Tony Baldry, the energy under-secretary, announced the setting up of an exceptional ministerial committee to examine the wider social, environmental, employment, tourism and transport issues surrounding the Mersey barrage scheme. Opposition to the project has come from environmentalists, including the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, who fear the barrage would threaten the mudflat homes of wading birds and fish life in the estuary.

Concern has also been voiced by users of the Mersey and the Manchester ship canal, with fears that shipping on the river may be hampered during the construction of the

barrage. Companies which have invested heavily in industrial facilities along the river and canal are worried about the likely impact on business. The committee will examine these concerns, while establishing the prospects for jobs and urban renewal in the region.

The barrage has been seeking status as a renewal energy project within the government's electricity privatisation programme. However, it is now expected that the scheme will be designated a regional development project, with significant environmental and energy benefits. Mr Baldry also announced a further £1.5 million of funding to finalise engineering, sedimentation, river flow and foundation studies in preparation for the parliamentary stage.

Desmond Pitcher, chairman of the Mersey Barrage Company, a consortium of 24 local and national companies, said they were confident that a private bill would be introduced in November 1991, with work starting in 1995 and a 1999 completion date.

He said that a construction group of five companies was to be set up to offer a firm, guaranteed price for building the barrage.

The project, which will be capable of generating 0.65 per cent of the electricity needs of England and Wales for more than 100 years, has been initially costed at £880 million. Godfrey Bevan, an official at the energy department, said one of the committee's tasks would be to examine the use of the barrage as a coastal defence for Liverpool in the event of global warming causing a rise in sea levels.

Construction of the Mersey barrage could be followed at the end of the decade by the building of the Severn barrage, a vast £8 billion project capable of generating 7 per cent of the nation's electricity, officials said.

John Wakeham, the energy secretary, disclosed yesterday that the government's environment White Paper, to be published this autumn, will include measures to save more than 20 per cent on energy bills.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

## Ridley and the royals

The problem is that the monarchy is in a worse state than we care to admit. The accepted view that the strong-minded Queen has managed to hold the institution together is no longer correct. The next generation has grown up and fragmented. It is a soap opera, we tell ourselves, harmless fun; but we don't mean it.

Tomorrow, in The Sunday Times, Bryan Appleyard takes a searching look at who our royals are and what they are for. What is at stake in the Ridley affair, he says, has nothing to do with the Hard Ecu - it is our right to cheer, damped, at waving royals and remember.



## A bad back?

The Callanetics and fitness guru Callan Pinckney has developed a regime which lets you exercise for a better back without straining it. Her three-part back care plan starts tomorrow in The Sunday Times Magazine.

## 100 best cars

With the first H-registrations vehicles on the road next week, Eric Dymock selects the 100 best new cars available in British showrooms.

## Mother admits strangling four children

A MOTHER who killed her four children while they slept had tried to strangle her husband only two days earlier, Chelmsford Crown Court was told yesterday.

Oi Tai Ngai, aged 33, of Basildon, Essex, attacked her husband Kam Tong Ngai with the same tie that she used to kill her eldest son, Mr Jeremy Gompertz, QC, for the prosecution, said.

She denied four charges of murder but admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility, which was accepted. Judge Greenwood adjourned the case for psychiatric reports.

After her husband, found the bodies, she said to him: "I told you I couldn't cope with the children. I couldn't cope."

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## Pressure grows for park bans on dogs

By DAVID YOUNG

MAN'S best friend is becoming less welcome in parks and public places as school holidays approach.

The royal parks in London have increased the areas banned to dogs from an experimental four last year to 16, and pressure is growing for other local authorities to introduce similar bans.

The president of the League for the Introduction of Canine Control, Tony Marlow, the Conservative MP for Northampton North, said: "Many people are simply sick and tired of having to clean up after other people who thoughtlessly allow their dogs to foul public places." Mr Marlow's son suffered peripheral blindness because of toxocarasis, an infection caused by a canine worm.

Landlord of pubs with gardens for families are also banning dogs, but few local authorities have banned dogs from public parks and gardens.

They have set up designated areas of parks, using local by-laws and employing dog wardens to enforce the rules, after having satisfied the Home Office that dog-owners' views have been consid-

ered. In Westminster dog owners can be forced to clear up after their pets and face fines of up to £100, but the council had to threaten to take the issue to the High Court before the Home Office would allow it to try the scheme for an experimental two years.

Dog faeces have been found to carry up to 30 diseases which affect humans. The best known is toxocarasis, which can cause blindness and other damage to eyesight when the eggs of the roundworm toxocara canis, found in the droppings of 60 per cent of dogs, are consumed by humans, particularly children who inadvertently eat infected soil after playing with toys in infected areas.

The eggs can survive in soil long after the dog faeces have decomposed. Other diseases include salmonella, scabies, leptospirosis which causes kidney damage, and campylobacter which causes intestinal disorders.

The toxocarasis parasites cannot reproduce in humans, but if eggs hatch the tiny larvae penetrate the stomach wall and can wander widely, causing inflammation and damage to nerves and body organs.

Unlike some other countries, Britain

has not made toxocarasis a notifiable disease and many doctors believe thousands of people, especially children, unknowingly suffer from it. The problem was illustrated when 19 out of 133 children picked at random by Bedford county council were found to have been infected by toxocara, five of them needing immediate hospital treatment.

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine estimates that one child a week suffers sight loss from toxocarasis. Researchers at the school who examined soil samples from parks and play areas in London, Birmingham, Glasgow, Belfast, Liverpool, Hull, Exeter, Cardiff, Newcastle and Bristol found that half were dangerously contaminated. Soil samples at half the 10 sites contained live eggs of the parasite and some had particularly high numbers of eggs and larvae, notably all three from Hyde Park.

The environment department said the purpose of the experiment in London's Royal Parks was to reduce health risks caused by dog fouling; the scheme had received a very favourable response from park users and has been successful in keeping the areas free from dog faeces.



# Officers told of hostage threats

# Councils to lose £100m for poll tax rebates

A high-contrast, black and white photograph showing a group of people, likely children, in a dark, industrial or urban setting. One child in the foreground is looking upwards, holding a long stick or pole. The scene is characterized by strong shadows and highlights, suggesting a gritty, documentary-style image.

## Britons abandon Spanish resorts

## Courts clash on Sunday shopping

## Huntsman cleared of assault

## The bad news.

Champagne prices have doubled over the past five years, rising 18 per cent last year alone. This year could see a further substantial rise, according

## The good news.

Majestic are offering 15% off their champagne prices\* and giving you the opportunity to taste free before you buy - but only until August 31st

We're even holding free tasting weekends, each featuring a choice of excellent grandes marques from our superb range of champagnes. There's ample free parking, a free local delivery service and we're open 10am till late, seven days a week.

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# Baroness's fear of live burial is laid to rest after 120 years

In a private ceremony the coffin will be taken from the crypt and buried in the family graveyard beside the Victorian chapel in the grounds. The service will be conducted by the Right Rev Richard Watson, former Bishop of Burnley and chairman of the Thame Historical Society.

## Cannan plea

## Handling charge

Two men accused of dishonestly handling a £12 million Bruegel painting stolen from the Courtauld Institute in London eight years ago, were remanded in custody by Horseferry Road magistrates' court yesterday. The work was recovered in May.

## Girls out

Three girls have left Torquay Girls grammar school, Devon, and nine have been suspended after the discovery of an alleged theft ring at the school.

## On target

Len Perrett, aged 53, from Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, scored two holes in one during the same round at Shirland golf club, near Alfreton, Derbyshire. He plays off 13.



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# Sugar. The more you know about it, the sweeter it tastes.

The Lucifer Humming Bird is one of Nature's athletic wonders. If you're lucky enough to glimpse one in its native South America it will be just a flash of iridescent plumage, nothing more.

On wings beating up to eighty times a second, it can fly upside down and even backwards; callisthenics beside which Olympic champions look puny.

Wherever does this bird get such fantastic energy?

From eating the nearest thing to the sun's rays themselves. Sugar.

## Edible sunshine.

Sugars are the simplest of all foods. Pure and easily digestible, they are a fundamental natural energy source. So basic, in fact, that they aren't just confined to sweet foods. Have you ever wondered why crunching a raw carrot is so delicious? Or why a succulent grass stem is so pleasant to nibble on a summer's walk?

It's because all plants contain sugars. They make them from sunshine, air and water.

Why don't all plants taste sweet? Simply because these sugars are also built into more complex foods.

Starches like potatoes, rice and corn.

And fibre: the stalks, leaves, husks and other parts of the plant's structure.

Scientists call all these sugar-foods *carbohydrates*, because of the carbon, hydrogen and oxygen they contain.

When animals eat carbohydrates, they rapidly break them down to simple sugars again. (Try thoroughly chewing a piece of ordinary bread. After a while, you'll find it begins to taste sweet.)

## Simply purified.

Obviously some foods contain more simple sugars than others. Nectar, honey, milk and many fruits and berries are all rich in sugars. A glass of fresh orange juice contains about as much sugar as a glass of cola (that's another story).

But two plants contain more sugars than all of these.

Sugar cane, a juicy, thick-stemmed tropical grass. And sugar beet, a white root vegetable which grows in cool, temperate climates like our own.

These are the plants from which household sugar is traditionally extracted. It's a simple process.

The juice of the pulped plants is mixed with water, filtered, cleaned and boiled down to a thick syrup, from which pure white sugar can be crystallised.

Left behind is a dark, treacly substance called molasses, which gives brown sugars their characteristic colour and flavour.

There's hardly any nutritional difference between brown and white sugars. And neither contain any colouring, flavouring or preservatives.

When the merchant caravans from the Orient

brought these exotic crystals to Europe in the 11th Century they became a rare delicacy.

A few ounces cost a year's pay, so they had to be stored in lockable caddies.

They were used to flavour meat and fish and to mask the dreadful tastes commonplace before refrigeration.

## Irreplaceable in cooking.

Only when Columbus took sugar cane to the fertile soils of the New World did prices fall and sugar become widely available.

Since then its amazing properties have gradually come to light.

Sugar is a natural preservative. It enhances flavour and provides bulk and texture.

Sugar feeds the

yeast which makes bread rise and ferments to make alcoholic drinks. It can set

like plaster and also change into candy, creme, toffee, caramel, syrup, fondant or floss.

It can brown, glaze and fix flavour. It prevents foods from going stale (just leave a lump in the biscuit tin).

But that's not all.

## An explosive, an anti-freeze, a cure for curries.

Sugar can be turned into an explosive. Dissolved in water, an ounce or two will lower the freezing point by several degrees.

A teaspoonful after a vindaloo will extinguish the furnace in your mouth.

You know the bottles and plate glass windows that stuntmen use for their tricks? Guess what they're made of.

Sugar hardens asphalt. And slows the setting of ready-mixed concrete. In vase-water, a spoonful gives cut flowers a longer lease of life.

A pinch of sugar on the tongue is a traditional remedy for hiccups.

Lifeboats and aircraft carry sugar in their survival kits. Astronauts, athletes and mountaineers use sugar tablets as emergency energy supplies.

'Eat thou honey, because it is good' says the Book of Proverbs. 'Honesty coupled to beauty is to have honey a sauce to sugar' wrote Shakespeare in *As You Like It*.

Sugar has been praised by Chaucer and immortalised in the nursery rhyme. (What are little girls made of?)

For over 2,000 years sugar and sweetness have been bywords for goodness and love. Until recently.

Because today it's a very different story. Sugar now stands accused of causing fillings, flab and worse. Is it to blame?

## Sugar itself doesn't rot your teeth.

Sugar is undoubtedly a factor in tooth decay. But it isn't sugar which damages your teeth. It's acid, released by bacteria in the mouth.

These bacteria live on sugars and starches left on the teeth after eating. So it follows, keep your teeth clean and the bacteria will starve.

Brush your teeth with a recognised fluoride toothpaste at least twice a day. Avoid eating too frequently between meals. And visit your dentist regularly.

Then sugar shouldn't harm your teeth. What about your waistline?

## Only 16 Calories per teaspoon.

So many people now believe sugar is fattening, it's become widely accepted as the truth. 'Sugar tastes so good' runs a perverse logic 'that it must be bad for you.'

Yet how many Calories are there in a four gram sugar lump?

16. The same as protein and half as many as in fat. (You probably add more Calories to your coffee or tea with milk than with sugar.)

Every day an average person needs 1500 Calories. Just to breathe, keep warm and make your heart beat. Half these Calories, nutritionists say, should come from carbohydrates - sugars and starches.

So keep things in proportion.

Even a weight-watcher can enjoy sugar in moderation.

As to other charges, scientific studies the world over confirm that sugar is not a direct cause of disease.

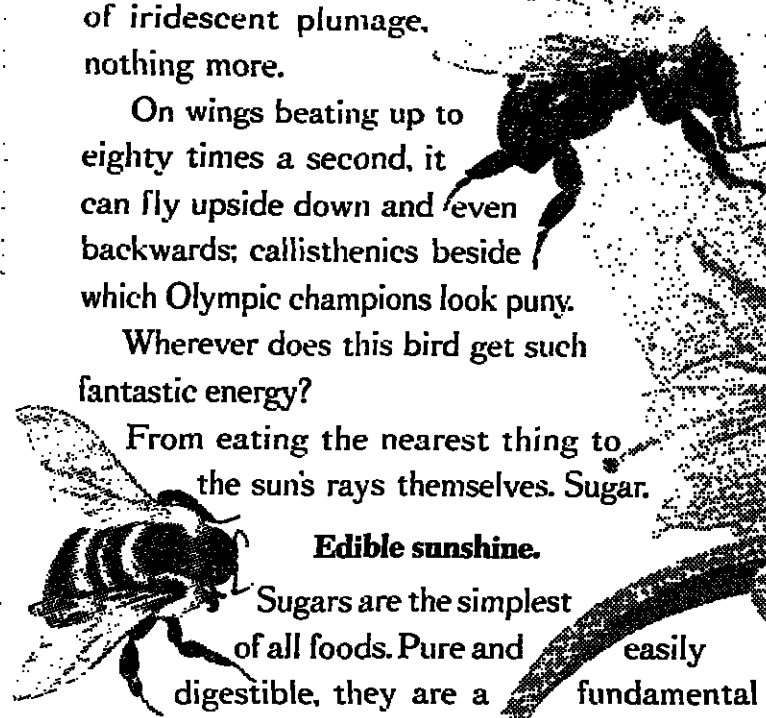
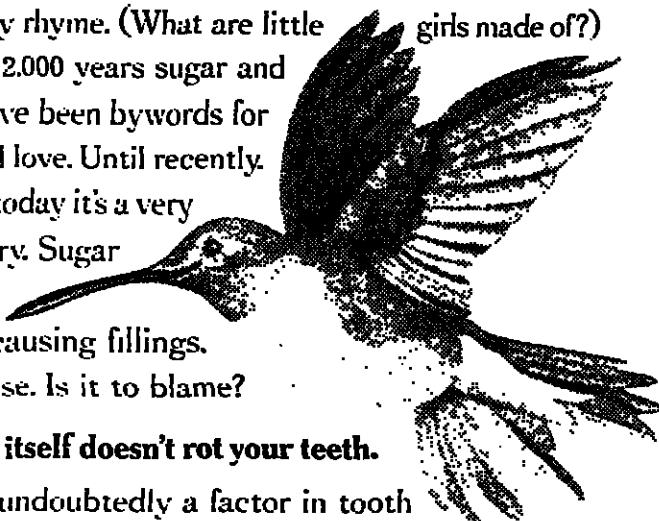
Indeed, judiciously sprinkled, sugar can lead you into much healthier eating habits.

Think how it transforms a sharp grapefruit or even breakfast bran.

Don't miss out on a treat from Nature on account of empty rumour.

As one person said, avoiding sugar won't make you live any longer.

It'll just seem that way.





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also called for a 27 per cent reduction in consumption by the year 1990. "Even quite moderate consumption reductions are coming to people's attention," he said.

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# Shifty'ngers

R MPs complained for the first time this month that the government was springing the issue on the House of Commons without agreement through the "usual channels".

Skinner (Bellevue) said that it was time for the government to use his authority. He said the words had not been used for the government. He said they were with you.

"I want to make it clear to the government that this has to stop," he said.

Others argued that the government was seeking to restrict press coverage.

Protests arose when the government announced that it would send a military force to the area.

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By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

Mr Philip Halsey, chairman and chief executive of Seac, said: "The council has consis-

..was often the first person an abused child told.

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## Curb on tobacco sponsors sought

**Sir George Young** (Ealing,

Smoking should be reduced with proper control over advertising. Needless deaths should be avoided at all costs.

On July 3, the Speaker, Bernard Weatherill, had suspended

The Speaker pointed out that Friday was a normal working day and that he had no prior knowledge of the contents of statements.

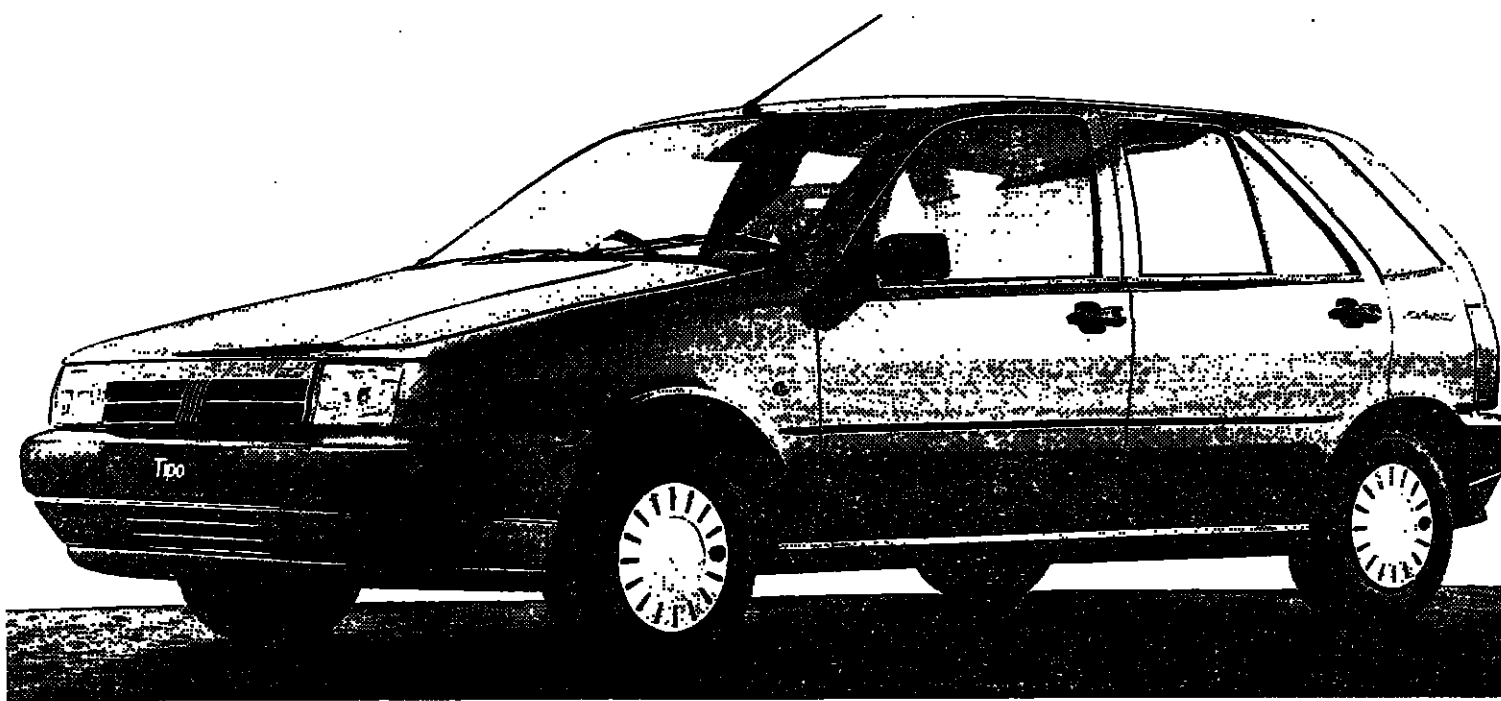
Mr Richardson, of Pontsicill, Merthyr Tydfil, who was jailed by Judge Ruster at Cardiff Crown Court on August 24, 1988, had his rape conviction quashed and sentence set aside. Lord Justice Taylor said the jury in the case had been impeccably directed and it was conceded that the trial had been fair.



## By DANIEL TREISMAN

people if it gets into the water supply. Sir John said: "I can't say which people are at risk because in general the whole country is very slightly at risk from a very small number of cases." Cryptosporidium, which is generally killed by boiling water, can have nos-

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## US judges overturn one of North's convictions

From MARTIN FLETCHER in WASHINGTON

A US appeal court overturned one of Oliver North's three Iran-Contra convictions yesterday and paved the way for the possible reversal of the others by ordering a hearing to determine whether his trial had been fair.

A divided three-judge panel ruled that the former Marine lieutenant-colonel and White House aide was entitled to a fresh trial on the charge that he had shredded sensitive administration documents because his jury had been given erroneous instructions by the trial judge.

The panel also ordered the judge, Gerhard Gesell, to hold an exhaustive investigation into whether the prosecution evidence in last year's trial had been "tainted" by North's televised testimony, given to a congressional committee in 1987 while he was under immunity from prosecution.

The ruling represents a big setback for Lawrence Walsh, the independent prosecutor charged with investigating the biggest scandal of the Reagan

years. He declined to say yesterday whether he would appeal. The ruling also raises serious questions about the wisdom of investigative congressional committee hearing testimony, given immunity, from figures who may be tried.

In May last year North was convicted on three charges of destroying documents, obstructing a congressional investigation of the Iran-Contra affair, and receiving an illegal gratuity from a businessman involved in the plot to sell arms to Iran and channel the proceeds to the Nicaraguan Contras.

He was given a three-year suspended prison sentence, fined \$150,000 (£90,000) and ordered to perform 1,200 hours of community service.

The appeals court was divided in its ruling yesterday. The one Carter administration appointee opposed the decision of two Reagan appointees. "I am convinced that the essentials of a fair trial were accorded North," Chief Judge Patricia Wald said.

## Mongol nomad's no-choice poll

From NICHOLAS MIDDLETON in ULAN BATOR

WHEN Batsagaan, a nomadic herdsman, puts his cross on the ballot paper tomorrow in Mongolia's first multi-party elections, he will not have to make much of a choice.

The voting papers that will arrive by jeep at his ger — the felt tent in which Mongolian nomads live — will have just one name on them.

Despite the great enthusiasm in Mongolia for democratic government, the five opposition parties will not field candidates for all the 451 seats in the People's Great Hural, the main parliamentary chamber.

The government will be relying on people, like Batsagaan, who are happy with

the status quo to support their representatives in the elections tomorrow, and in the second round on July 29.

Observers believe the lack of opposition candidates in the rural aimaks, or states, will be a key reason for the communist Mongolian People's Revolutionary party retaining power.

The electoral legislation is also weighted in favour of rural seats where the party is strong. In Ulan Bator, birthplace of the democratic movement, there is one seat for every 10,000 residents, while in the countryside, where the population is thinly spread, one seat represents 2,000 people.

Many rural people are suspicious of the new opposition parties, some of whose tactics have on occasions alienated the herdsman. In March, leading members of the Democratic party went on hunger strike to force the government to allow democratic elections. While hunger strikes in other parts of the world are an accepted political tool, in rural Mongolia they were unheard of. Batsagaan, for instance, could not understand why these city people were refusing to eat, when life for him and his seven children was hard enough.

The Democratic party, the main opposition group, is also viewed with suspicion because several of its leading figures are of mixed race: half-Russian or half-Chinese.

Even if the communists retain power, *it* *is* *glasnost* in Mongolia has taken hold. The party has committed itself to a market economy, and is turning towards the West for assistance. The Japanese are at the head of the queue, eager to get their hands on Mongolia's large reserves of coal and minerals.

There is certainly an air of excitement in Mongolia about tomorrow's elections. Like many people, the deputy secretary of one of the aimaks was eager for change, and believed better relations with the West will bring more jobs and development. Pointing to a colleague, a former colonel in the military, he said: "This man needs a new job. He has been sitting at the table of bureaucracy for too long."

● PEKING: The American Secretary of State, James Baker, will visit Mongolia on August 2, it was announced yesterday. He will be the first senior US official to visit Mongolia and is expected to agree an aid programme for the country during his three-day visit. (AFP)



Traffic flow: Nepalese making their way along a flooded street in Kathmandu. Monsoon rains have also caused an outbreak of disease in which 150 have died

## South African hopes rise of Olympic return

From RAY KENNEDY in JOHANNESBURG

AFTER 20 years in exile, Sam Ramsamy, who is regarded as one of the main architects of South Africa's sporting isolation, is soon to return on a visit linked to the country's efforts to be readmitted to the Olympic Games.

Mr Ramsamy, chairman of the London-based South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (Sanroc), has been commissioned by the International Olympic Committee and the Association of African National Olympic Committees (Aanoc) to draw up a report on the state of South African sport. The report will be considered at an Aanoc meeting in Harare this year.

Mr Ramsamy's visit, from August 3, was announced in Johannesburg yesterday by the African National Congress-affiliated National Sports Congress (NSC) and the South African National Olympic Committee. It was the NSC which organised demonstrations that forced the abandonment of the tour by Mike Gatting and a team of England cricketers earlier this year.

The statement said that Mr Ramsamy would also advise on the composition of a South African delegation to be invited to the Harare meeting. A recommendation by Aanoc is crucial if South Africa is to be readmitted to the Olympic

Games. It was expelled from the Olympic movement in 1963 because its racial policies contravened the charter.

That was the year that "Papwa" Sewgolum, the black golfer, received his trophy in the rain after winning the Natal Open. Despite the objections of Gary Player, Sewgolum was barred from entering the club house because of separate amenities legislation.

The Separate Amenities Act is due to be scrapped in October and President de Klerk has indicated that the Population Registration Act, under which every South African is identified by race, and which is the chief obstacle to political emancipation, could be the next to go. The Group Areas Act, which defines living areas according to colour, remains the main stumbling block to South Africa's international re-acceptance.

White-dominated sports organisations maintain they have done everything possible so far to end racial discrimination within the limits of the law.

Soccer chiefs believe the country is close to being readmitted to international football, from which South Africa was expelled in 1974. The professional game in South Africa is multiracial. Many of the country's athletic

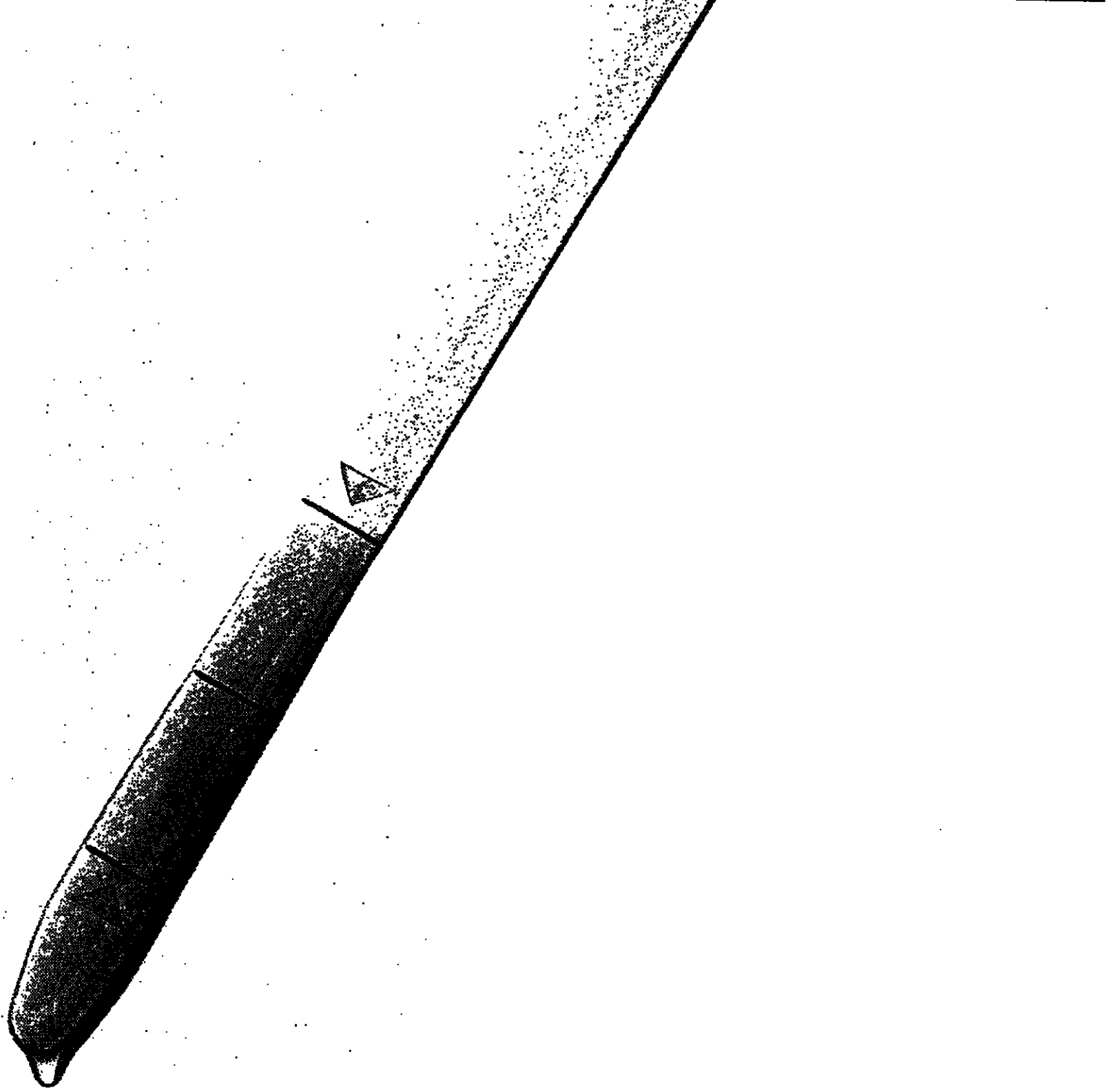
track and field champions are black. Rugby, the so-called white man's game, has been multiracial for years, according to Dr Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, although few blacks or Coloureds have gained provincial first-team selection.

Cricket has had to make do with rebel tours since 1968 when John Vorster, then prime minister, barred an MCC team which included Basil d'Oliveira, the Cape Town-born Coloured player, from coming to South Africa. Ted Dexter, MCC captain at the time and now the England manager, said then: "This decision is the start of the isolation of South Africa in the sports world."

Tony Ward, spokesman for the British Amateur Athletics Board, was reported here yesterday as saying of Mr Ramsamy's visit: "This is the most exciting and pleasing news for world sport and not just South African sport. I feel that we are close to seeing the end of young South Africans of all races being excluded from world competition. It has been a tragedy and disruption to world sport. I think that we can now look ahead to seeing a unified South Africa in the 1996 Olympic Games."

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# Tokyo fears new scandal as tycoon is arrested

From Joe Joseph in Tokyo

TOKYO Jangled with speculation yesterday that Japan is about to plunge into political chaos again, when it has barely recovered from the Recruit bribery scandal which toppled the government.

The alarm was set ringing by the sudden arrest of Mitsuhiro Kotani, a flamboyant tycoon with wide business and political contacts, on charges of stock manipulation, bribery and other offences.

Mr Kotani was formerly a close associate of Yasuhiro Nakasone, the former prime minister whose book-keeping raised the eyebrows of Tokyo's public prosecutors during the Recruit case last year. Mr Kotani was a generous donor to Mr Nakasone's election campaign costs. He was also a member of his personal political organisation until 1988, when he was asked to leave because of his aggressive tactics in takeover bids.

A senior MP of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) said yesterday: "If politicians are found to have made huge profits from stock transactions, this case might evolve into another Recruit stock-for-favours scandal."

Yoshihiko Kamekura, an aide to Mr Nakasone, was quick to distance his boss from Mr Kotani, and said they had had no dealings recently.

Several senior politicians and their aides are rumoured to have been involved with the activities of Koshin, a

stock speculation company run by Mr Kotani. These activities are said to include the cornering of shares in Kokusai Kogyo, an aerial survey firm. Four Kokusai Kogyo executives were arrested last month for alleged tax fraud and a fifth has fled to Australia.

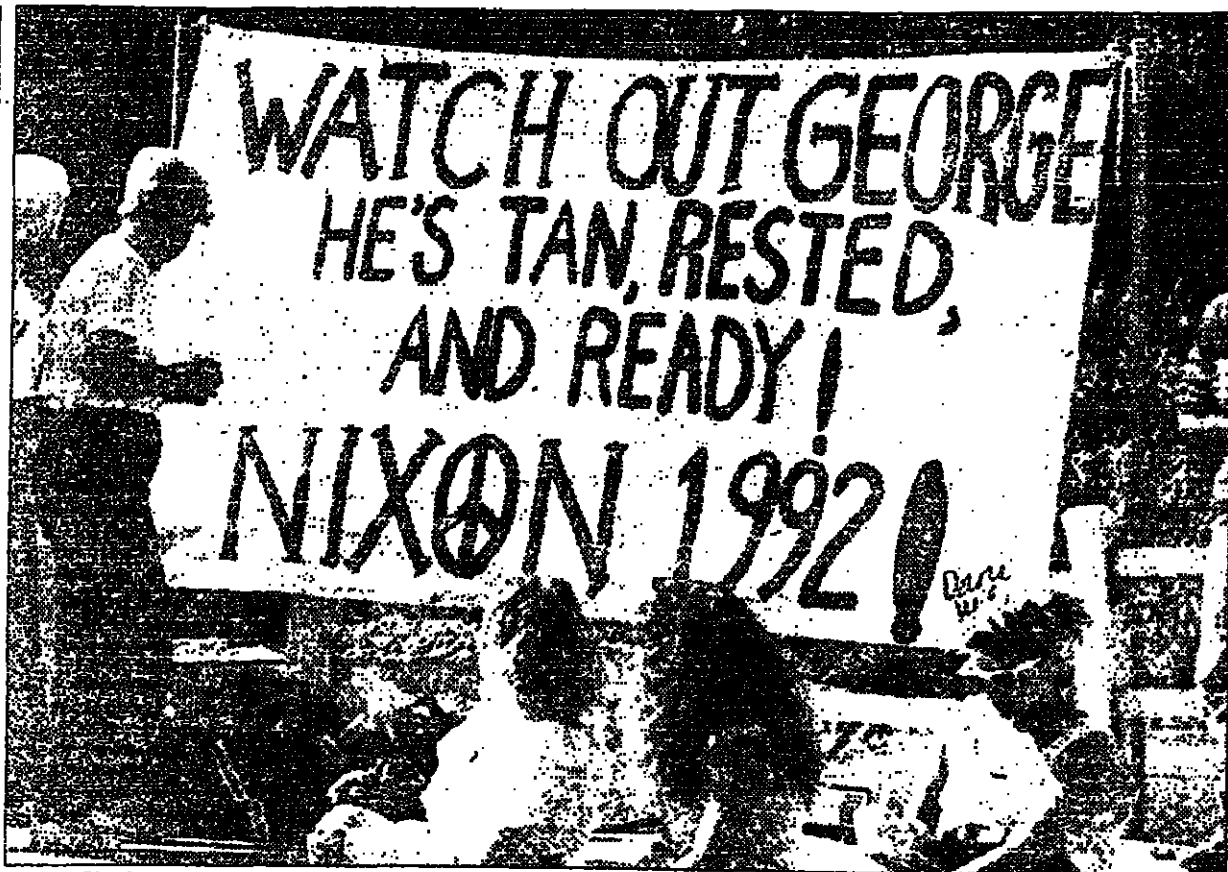
Mr Kotani was arrested on Thursday night on charges of manipulating the share price of a large hotel chain, Fujita Tourist Enterprises. He is alleged to have used some of the 30 billion yen (\$111 million) he netted from the Fujita deal to finance the takeover of Kokusai Kogyo in 1987-88.

The fact that Mr Kotani was arrested by the special investigative branch of the Tokyo District Public Prosecutor's Office, the most powerful arm of the judiciary, rather than the police, has stimulated speculation of a political link. It was the same office that handled the Recruit affair and investigated Mr Nakasone's links to Recruit.

Arrested with Mr Kotani was Shuichi Yamamoto, former president of a construction firm, and an aide to Kunikida Saito, once secretary-general of the LDP. Mr Saito said: "I never received shares from Mr Kotani and I have no special relationship with him."

But the spotlight is on Mr Nakasone, whose links to Kokusai Kogyo are the subject of an unsettled lawsuit.

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Word power: a friendly warning to President Bush from wellwishers of Richard Nixon as the former president's presidential library was dedicated in Yorba Linda, California.



## Seoul border overture rejected

From A Correspondent in Seoul

NORTH Korea has denounced the South's declaration that it will open its heavily fortified border temporarily next month as a propaganda trick designed to spoil a rally it plans to hold on the national liberation day.

In a statement on nationwide radio and television, President Roh Tae Woo accepted a proposal by the North to open the border to a village of Panmunjom on August 15 and raised the stakes by declaring the southern side of the crossing point open for five days from August 13, during Pyongyang to allow free travel between the two nations for the first time.

A South Korean news agency reported that North Korea, in a statement on Radio Pyongyang, also called

the move an attempt to divert attention from the planned resignation of all South Korean opposition legislators from the National Assembly on Monday.

The Seoul prime minister's office telephoned the North after the announcement to explain the proposal and suggest a meeting on July 30 to work out details.

"The time has come to end total division," Mr Roh told South Koreans. "Korea must not remain the world's only land still partitioned by cold-war politics."

Mr Roh said there would be no restrictions on travellers from the North - still officially at war with the South. He also said that in the near future, foreigners would be permitted to travel directly

between the two Koreas. South Korea's largest dissident movements said the border opening was a step in the right direction and demanded the release of political prisoners.

While Mr Roh said the opening was unconditional, the unification board said leading dissidents would not be allowed to travel to Panmunjom on August 15 for a rally in the northern half of the truce village unless the North allowed free travel for the full five-day period.

Analysts and Western diplomats in Seoul are sceptical of the North's hardline leadership allowing South Koreans into its regimented society, except perhaps for dissidents, and say that although Mr Roh's move puts pressure on

the North, it is unlikely to have the same dramatic effect as recent events in Europe.

● **Opposition move:** Two opposition leaders and the head of South Korea's largest dissident organisation yesterday set the stage for an anti-government alliance, and urged the ruling party to hold parliamentary and local elections soon. In a statement, Kim Dae Jung, of the Party for Peace and Democracy, Lee Ki Taek, of the Democratic party, and Kim Kwan Suk, of the Conference for Promotion of Opposition Unity, said the Democratic Liberal party of Mr Roh would have to take all the responsibility for any "incidents" that might occur if it failed to meet their demands.

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## Rangoon still holds Suu Kyi

From Neil Kelly in Bangkok

AUNG San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader whose National League for Democracy swept the polls at elections two months ago, remains in detention although she completed her sentence of one year's house arrest yesterday.

Senior diplomats in Rangoon said that the military junta had clearly never intended to release Daw Suu Kyi, who has become Burma's best hope for the future. Under their own laws, the military rulers may extend her detention for six months, and for two more six-month periods after that.

The crowds that gathered outside her house in northern Rangoon yesterday were dispersed by troops who were there in far greater strength than usual. Daw Suu Kyi has been living virtually in solitary confinement since her arrest, allegedly for endangering national security. Dr Michael Aris, her English husband, and their two schoolboy sons, who live in Oxford, are not allowed to visit her. She is permitted family letters, and parcels sent by the British Embassy.

Although her party won more than 80 per cent of the seats contested at the election, the military has made no move to hand over power. "There is growing despair among the people," said one diplomat. "They feel the election, which promised so much, was a monstrous sham. They know if they go out to the streets to protest they will be shot as demonstrators were in large numbers two years ago." The diplomat said, however, that there were signs of opposition frustration over the party leaders' soft approach to the government.

Daw Suu Kyi, aged 45, created the party and drew in the votes, but her detention and the imprisonment of senior colleagues have left the party rudderless. Those in control now are seen as no match for the military regime, which is intimidating party officials. "The party's failure to challenge the government has disappointed many people who voted for it and could ultimately cost it much support. That's the way the military are nullifying the election victory," the diplomat said.

Western diplomats and Rangoon residents are fearful that the violence that cost many lives in 1988 could recur soon. The diplomats have little contact with the military, but say they have warned of this danger.

The first confrontation between the regime and the opposition could occur a week today, when 322 party members who won seats in the election are due to hold their first meeting in Rangoon to consider the government's refusal to discuss a handover of power.

The government has given a warning that the meeting may not be used to convene a national parliament. There are growing demands for such action, especially from the young radicals who comprise two-thirds of those elected and who until now have been restrained by party elders. "The meeting could be a tinder box," the diplomat said.



Suu Kyi: accused of endangering national security

## India and Pakistan play down war talk

From Christopher Thomas in Islamabad

INDIA and Pakistan yesterday denied that their unsuccessful talks on the uprising in Kashmir have heightened the immediate threat of war.

The denials reflect a mutual determination to dull the appetite for full-scale conflict that has gripped both countries on and off for the past six months. Both countries, however, seem resigned to a long breach in relations accompanied by the constant spectre of armed fighting in Kashmir.

The only respite that either side foresees will come in three months when the first snows arrive, sealing the mountainous and forested border more effectively than any army could.

Pakistani officials said that it had been decided at the highest levels that Pakistan would not launch a first strike against India. They added, however, that there was deep concern about a substantial increase in India's security presence in Kashmir, now estimated at 350,000 men.

They alleged that three Indian army divisions had been positioned in southern areas

of Kashmir where there was no insurgency.

The size of India's military presence reflects its assessment of Pakistan's capabilities in Kashmir. Senior military officers in Delhi said it would be a mistake to think that India could inflict a short sharp defeat on Pakistan, despite the large differences in the size of their forces.

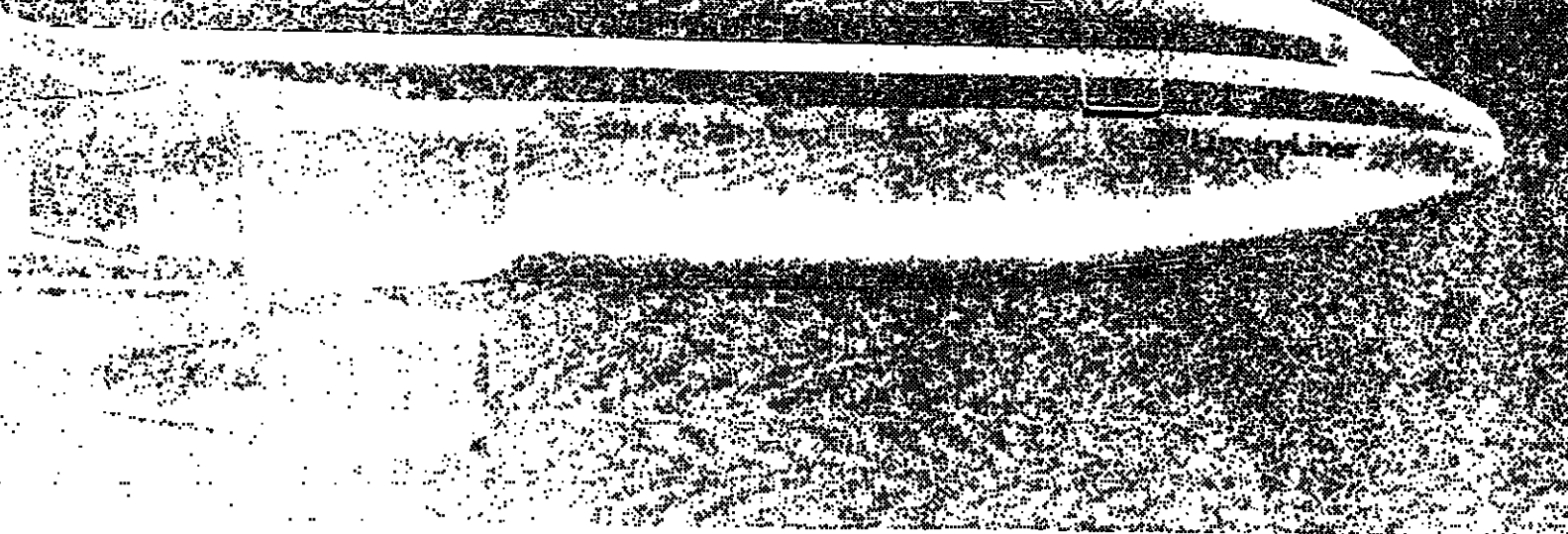
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# Inter-faith the great healer

Clifford Longley

One of the last acts of the Polish parliament in 1939, as German guns thundered ever closer, was to elect the Blessed Virgin Mary to be Queen of Poland in perpetuity. There could be no more poignant demonstration of the intense relationship between religion and national pride.

In the same spirit Pope John Paul II insisted in 1978 that regardless of the rules of heraldry, he wanted a large M on his coat of arms, for Mary, Queen of Poland. Addressing Polish émigrés during his visit to Britain in 1982, he paid tribute to the Polish pilots who died in the Battle of Britain. He did not say they had died "defending Britain", but "for Poland". And that is how Poles have seen it: they had borrowed the British war to continue their own.

During Eastern Europe's years of communist rule, the West saw religion and national pride as a force threatening the cohesion of the Soviet empire, and hence potentially pro-Western. But the end of that empire, at least outside the Soviet Union itself, has changed the situation. The 1989 East European revolutions were as much a triumph of nationalism as of democracy, and Europe has yet to face up to the consequences.

Nationalism is seldom entirely secular, and seldom fits easily into secular political geography. Political maps tell us much less about the past, present and future of Europe than religious maps charting the frontiers of Protestantism and Catholicism, Orthodoxy and Islam. The reunification of Germany across the first of those lines is a triumph of nationalism over religious differences — or perhaps, more truthfully, a triumph of decades of ecumenism, which is the one new force which may yet prevent the history of European tribal warfare repeating itself.

Within Russia and the Ukraine there is an invisible line between two sorts of Orthodoxy, one looking to Constantinople, the other to Moscow. And the Great Schism between Greek Orthodoxy and Catholicism, which formally dates from the 11th century but in reality from 500 years earlier, is now the cause of one of Mr Gorbachev's worst headaches as growing Ukrainian nationalism finds a ready focus in Ukrainian Catholicism. There will be much agonised thought before the Pope is welcome in Kiev, in case he sets light to some very dry nationalist tinder (intentionally or otherwise).

The election of a Polish pope in 1978 was crucial to the rise of the Solidarity movement and was one of the first signs of the East European nationalist avalanche.

The Russian Orthodox Church has sought to outmanoeuvre the rising religious force in Ukrainian nationalism by renaming its own Ukrainian region the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, hijacking the title of the church now emerging from the shadows alongside the

Catholics. But the Russian Orthodox Church is Soviet-orientated, even in its new Ukrainian disguise. The Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Catholics were persecuted and driven underground during the years of Stalin's oppression because they were anti-Soviet; some Ukrainian churches even welcomed the arrival of Hitler's troops as liberators (before they realised their mistake).

Yet thanks to ecumenism, the Russian Orthodox and Ukrainian Catholic churches — and even the real Ukrainian Orthodox Church — have been making great efforts to settle their differences peacefully.

In Europe and the Middle East, countries on the tide mark of the Ottoman Empire find themselves standing on the rim of a rumbling religious and racial volcano, where Christian (usually Orthodox) nationalism collides with an increasingly militant Islam. Elsewhere, however, there are grounds for hope.

Since the war, the modern ecumenical movement has transformed Catholic-Protestant relationships almost everywhere, except in Ireland, where its influence has largely been confined to the clergy. The success of ecumenism, the painstaking and often tedious building of understanding and co-operation brick by brick, explains why the religious dimension of German reunification has had a benign effect — why, for instance, Herr Kohl's mainly Catholic Christian Democrats feel confident they can cross the confessional divide into mainly Protestant Prussia without religious obstacles.

And while political barriers were still in place, the tentacles of ecumenical friendship spread through the whole of Eastern Europe, with the churches beginning to be incorporated into a common European home before any other national institutions. A united Europe from the Urals to Gibraltar was a Christian hope and vision even in Brezhnev's day.

Though little noticed in Britain, the most vital of all ecumenical bridges may yet prove to be that between Catholicism and Orthodoxy, in which both sides have invested heavily over the last decade. Along with race and language, religious division has the potential to splinter Eastern Europe into dangerously sharp fragments, but ecumenical goodwill and co-operation may work to hold things together.

The local clergy can either stand behind the stone-throwing crowds, condoning ethnic mayhem, or they can stand together, urging peace, making connections, cooling tempers. Thanks to ecumenism, they are now much more likely to do the latter. For years ecumenical dialogue was regarded as a hobby for the few, who often found themselves dismissed as "ecumenicals", but now they may hold an important key to future peace in Europe.

Stuart Maclure on John MacGregor's performance in his first year as education secretary

# Attention to detail is paying off

The government has invested heavily in reform of the education system, so naturally it is watching anxiously for signs of progress. How are things doing? What sort of end-of-term report is in store for the education secretary, John MacGregor?

It is just over a year since he took over the department of education and science from Kenneth Baker. By the time he arrived, Baker had completed the glamorous job of pushing through the Education Reform Act. What remained for Mr MacGregor was the hard graft of implementation: putting the secondary legislation in place, bringing in the provisions of the Act stage by stage, and making the necessary adjustments.

John MacGregor is a highly competent Scot, perfect for the patient attention to detail that is now required. He has spent the year working doggedly on the national curriculum, local management of schools, operation of the provisions for grant-maintained schools and opt-out, and on the financing of higher education. He pushed through the Student Loans Act against opposition from the vice-chancellors,

and has worked hard for the better understanding between the education and employment departments which is essential if education and training for those aged 16 to 18 are ever to be coherent.

This adds up to a pretty good record, but is it enough or do his colleagues want miracles? A report in *The Times* on Monday suggested that there is murmuring against Mr MacGregor in some Tory circles. Right-wing orthodoxy is that "managerial" ministers are always liable to be seduced by the administrators and practitioners, and that this is particularly true in education.

Mr MacGregor has approached the task of implementing the national curriculum as a practical man. He has simplified the requirements for primary-school testing and assessment, and begun to ask what compromises will be needed to fit a quart into a pint pot for 14-16 year olds. To some observers on the lookout for any sign of weakening, this looks like backing down in the face of professional opposition. But they are wrong and he is right.

Other critics have had a field

day with the balance in the history curriculum between knowledge and understanding. For obvious and sensible reasons, the working group set up by Mr Baker was anxious to avoid a set of state-prescribed facts which every student had to learn, and this meant that it was unwilling, in preparing assessment schemes, to separate knowledge and understanding. Mr MacGregor has yet to give his verdict, but whatever he does will not assuage his critics.

The history controversy demonstrates what a political minefield the curriculum is liable to become. History is (among other things) about the sense of national identity, the fostering of a positive self-image as Britons, making children believe they are uniquely lucky to live here. Nation-states depend on such fictions, but it would hardly be decent to spell all this out in the objectives for a national curriculum, so the debate is at one remove from reality.

On grant-maintained schools, Mr MacGregor has little dramatic to report: 44 have been allowed to opt out of local authority control, and a further 26 are waiting to do so or considering the matter.

Nobody should call this a rapid build-up. Most have decided to opt out only to avoid being closed or merged in local reorganisations. No doubt some of the schemes frustrated in this way were bad and would not have been approved, but in other cases there was a simple clash between the interests of a single school and the local authority's estimate of the best interests of all children in the area.

Opening out has failed to catch the public imagination in the way Mrs Thatcher hoped when she drew parallels with people buying their own council houses. Recently she spoke about ways to make it more attractive, but the more Mr MacGregor curbs local authority power to hold back funds for central administration, the less financially rewarding opting out will be. Without some new initiative there is unlikely to be more than a trickle of applications.

Preparations for the next Tory manifesto are now beginning, and the emphasis is on continuing with strategies aimed at empowering parents and extending choice. The question now is how long it will take to deliver the goods. Parents are only now discovering

that they have more say, and in many parts of the country as they find they are up against a shortage of teachers in key subjects. The national curriculum will take 10 years to make a real impact. There will be few quick dividends.

One ambition must be to reduce the gap between the public and independent sectors. In some leafy suburbs and country towns parents are satisfied with the local schools. Grant-maintained schools may find a social niche which appeals to middle-class parents. City technology colleges will be popular and in some cases extremely good, but will be few and far between. Sixth-form colleges and tertiary colleges already draw up to 25 per cent of their students from independent schools, and they are clearly able to deliver a service that families value. But money still talks: if you send your son or daughter to a school which charges 50 or 100 per cent more than your local secondary school is able to spend, the difference will show.

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# When Britain stood apart yet thought in harmony

It is clear that by a decisive majority the British people now favour a political and economic union with Europe, even if it results in a partial loss of sovereignty, and that opposition to it is only a rear-guard action in a lost battle. But it is equally clear that the British do not realise that a revolution this is in the national outlook.

It is a total and surprising rejection of the historical evolution which created English nationalism in 300 years and sustained it for a further 300. This nationalism first appeared in the reign of Edward III with the Statute of Praemunire of 1353, which gave expression to English resentment at the exercise of any foreign jurisdiction in England. Thus, English nationalism and English literature are contemporaries. English nationalism reached maturity through Henry VIII's reformation and was consolidated by Oliver Cromwell, but even before that Shakespeare could write: "O England! model to thy inward greatness, like a little body with a mighty heart."

That was the voice not only of the victor of Agincourt, but of young English nationalism. This retained its uncompromising insularity until the middle of this century. The decision to go on fighting alone in 1940 was its last self-assertion. From the European point of view, that had no meaning.

This nationalism had given the English a bad name among the nations of Europe. Even so detached a European thinker as Montesquieu could write that insularity gave the English an arrogant assertiveness which made them feared in Europe. The anthem *Rule Britannia* did not deceive the Europeans into believing that the sole purpose of British sea-power was to prevent Britons from becoming slaves to foreign nations. More realistically, though rather maliciously, they thought this power was intended to oppress weak peoples through commercial imperialism and to fight other strong nations out of rivalry. Even the gentle French poet André Chénier described Britain as *cette île farouche*.

The European view of the matter did not make the British less staunch nationalists, but now this nationalism is to be thrown



Nirad Chaudhuri believes our greatest cultural impact on Europe was in the days of nationalist isolation

overboard. Such a thing cannot happen without ineluctable psychological compulsions, but in the public debate about the question there is no confession of these, and perhaps not even an awareness. It is all word-mongering and setting out of shallow arguments, and these must be tested against their historical antecedents. No one in Britain should be so naive as to think that their country can become more powerful, wealthy, or industrially efficient by this merger than it was in its nationalistic isolation. Nor should anyone hope or believe that a united states of Europe will raise European civilisation to a greater height by creating a wider and deeper interaction between the English and the European mind.

It may be admitted that in the present stage of historical evolution all the nations of Europe need political and economic union in order to preserve, not increase, material prosperity. But there can

be no intangible gain for these nations from such union. On the contrary, one is startled to find that in spite of the growth of internationalism, the interaction between the English mind and the European mind has virtually ceased today, whereas in the days of nationalist isolation in political affairs, intellectual co-operation actively created a common European cultural life.

In this respect, the contrast between the past and the present is saddening. No British thinker today can hope to make an impact on European thinking even remotely comparable to that of Locke or Hume; on a personal level, they, with Gibbon, were received in Europe with an enthusiasm which no present British thinker or writer could expect.

But the British impact was not in the sphere of thought alone; it extended to literature and art. No English writer now can exert the influence of Scott or Byron in their

day, and the case of Scott is the more significant because he was not only British but very Scottish. Yet he inspired one of the greatest novels of European literature, Manzoni's *I promessi sposi*, and influenced European historiography as well. His *Ivanhoe* made the French historian Augustin Thierry write the history of the Norman conquest of England, while in Germany von Ranke was led by *Quentin Durward* to found the new German scientific school of history. Such an impact is inconceivable today.

The British, for their part, were more European-minded in the days of their notorious insularity than they are now with their new "Europeanism". In the 16th century they became thoroughly Italianate, and this penchant for Italy continued until the end of the 19th century (English middle-class girls, for instance, sang Italian songs in Italian). In the 17th century the British looked to

Europe for religious doctrine. In the 18th they became participants in European classicism as well as the European Enlightenment, and in the 19th they succumbed to German romanticism, philosophy, classical and biblical scholarship, and, of course, music.

In those days distinguished English writers introduced important or significant European writers to their general educated public, and even we in Bengal profited from these essays. At school and in my early university days, I myself learned about Alfred de Vigny from an essay by John Stuart Mill and about Manon and Eugénie de Guérin as well as Joazeiro from the essays by Matthew Arnold. I also learned about von Ranke from an essay by Macaulay. Today English men of letters do not render this service to their readers.

So when one considers the present situation, with its drawing back from Europe in the intellectual sphere and drawing towards Europe in the political and economic, one is almost shocked by the contradiction. Yet in the light of the historical evolution of the British people, the seeming opposites can be recognised as correlatives and complements.

Historically, Britain is an aged nation, and an aged nation behaves like an aged individual. When a man is in the full vigour of life he pursues his ambitions or vocation with self-reliance, sensitivity to ideas and feelings which enhance the quality of life, and with indifference to his physical condition, which he leaves to take care of itself. Old men, by contrast, lose both self-confidence and sense of vocation, become anxious about their existence and confabulate with other old men about their physical ailments.

The British are behaving in exactly this manner by being obsessed with the infrastructure of their national existence, which provides the real pressure behind the movement towards Europe. There is nothing unnatural or shameful in this behaviour, but it is not one to open a new phase of life for the British people.

Nirad Chaudhuri, author of *The Art of Living* and *An Unknown Indian and Thy Hand, Great Anarch*, has made his home in Britain since 1970.

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## MATTHEW PARRIS

Nicholas Ridley's political demise raises again an environmental hazard which the health and safety executive resolutely refuses to face: the decommissioning of public figures.

We have heard about dismantling those "aging reactors", but what about the ageing reactionaries? The half-life of a redundant magnate core is well-known, but how much do we know about the half-lives of the redundant Marxist hard-core? Even the soft-core poses dangers of low-level socialist waste. Tony Bean remains highly radioactive, not to say television-active.

Mr Ridley must be the prime cause of public anxiety. This impressive but volatile reactor is now smoking quietly in a field in Cirencester and Tewkesbury while officials from Conservative central office pace gingerly around the site, keeping their distance and wondering how best to limit further damage. The danger of total meltdown has probably passed, but nobody can be sure when a sudden escape of toxic gas may not embarrass the lady who first installed him.

Look, after all, at the Enoch Powell reactor. A rapid decommissioning technique backfired, the Powell becoming far more dangerous after they tried to switch it off than when in service. Years later, one blast from the old powerhouse was enough to turn a general election against the Tories.

Or the "Barbara" Castle. They never did succeed in closing this institution. Dismantled and reassembled in Strasbourg, it continued to draw admirers of "the old Labour party", distracting attention from the new one. Now it goes on permanent exhibition in the House of Lords.

With other public figures, the Lords has proved an effective way of cooling hot metal slowly, to prevent explosions and fractures. The occasional low rumbling comes from Jim Callaghan, but Alec Douglas-Home and Willie Whitelaw have become favourites with visitors and are safe even for children to visit.

Quintin Hogg, however,

should be approached with caution. Harold Macmillan provides the warning, here. After decades of inactivity, this elderly generator suddenly emitted a series of huge shocks. So remember: if you see an unattended elder statesman on a train, don't touch it, don't try to remove it: inform the authorities as soon as possible, and keep well clear.

But I am not worried about Mrs Thatcher. This powerhouse will carry on in full production until somebody cuts the mains, whereupon it will turn into a harmless, long-lived, but surprisingly dull Westminster landmark. I am reminded of what they foresaw for the old Billingsgate fish market. It remained erect upon its foundations, said the experts, only because its huge refrigerators, working day and night, had frozen the ground around it. Once switched off, everything would thaw and the whole thing would slip with a sudden grace into the mud. So might she.

Unlike Mr Heath, this dangerous structure stands unmoved while from time to time bits of him drop on people's heads. Or Denis Healey. This great power station, like the one at Battersea, has been removed from the national grid but remains an imposing monument. It seems such a waste. From time to time there have been plans to put the structure to some new use, but nobody is sure what.

An early experiment with that Chingford Chernobyl, Norman Tebbit, has yielded uncertain results. The City acquired the institution with a view to turning it to peaceful use, yet this has not prevented the emission of jets of scalding steam.

As for the Ridley, I am advised that, encased in concrete by *The Spectator*, surrounded by gardens, plastered all over with the balm of prime ministerial gratitude and the detoxifying filter of a long holiday painting watercolours, shrouded in press boredom, and then buried beneath a million tons of public amnesia, he may just be made safe for succeeding generations. But with this reactor, nothing is certain.

## Heritage takes a hammering

A socialist council is planning the ultimate piece of Thatcherite privatisation. In an attempt to balance its poll-tax books, Derbyshire county council and its controversial leader, David Bookbinder, are proposing to do just what Harold Macmillan accused Mrs Thatcher of doing, flogging off the family, or at least the corporate, silver.

In a measure that has not even been contemplated by those pioneers of privatisation, Westminster and Wandsworth, the council has instructed valuers to put a price tag on the contents of the county's four museums, starting with Buxton, shortlisted only this week in the museum-of-the-year competition. Other collections that could come under the hammer are housed at Sudbury Hall, Elvaston Castle and John Turner House, all much-loved parts of the Peak District.

The council leadership has ordered strict secrecy for the sell-off proposals, which will be considered at a special meeting next month. The plan, however, is dogged with legal difficulties as many of the treasures were bequeathed to the county, and the proposal has also split the Labour group. John Carrington, chairman of the museums committee, is against. "There would be a public hue and cry," he says. On the Tory side, councillor Robin Wood says: "It's a disgrace. The whole county will rise up against this one." Max Hebditch, president of the Museums' Association, also expresses concern. "This is a most dan-

gerous trend. We would be deeply opposed to the disposal of a collection in this way."

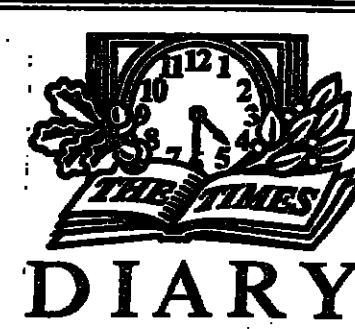
Many hope it is just another Labour stunt to highlight the extremities to which they claim the poll tax is forcing them. Others fear that the far-left council is perverse enough to press ahead with the plan, which would bring in untold millions to swell the council's coffers. The sale of the century? The inventory drawn up by the valuers suggests it is more like the sale of the past 500 years.

## Sunday shenanigans

Shareholders in the *Sunday Correspondent* and *The Independent* on Sunday yesterday had media tycoons coming out of their ears as they searched for help in sustaining their rival papers. Andreas Whitam Smith's *Independent* empire, hit by the advertising slump, badly needs cash as well as the closure of the ailing *Correspondent*. The *Chicago Tribune*, shareholder in the latter, can deliver both cash and the head of the *Correspondent* on a platter, but will do so only if it can get more than the 15 per cent stake in the *Independent* so far offered by Whitam Smith.

The Americans want up to 30 per cent, in effect a controlling interest. That means a change in *The Independent's* much-prized constitution, which limits holdings to 15 per cent. This in turn might allow one of its existing big shareholders, Robert Maxwell, to acquire more shares, perhaps battling the *Tribune* for eventual control of the paper.

Another *Correspondent* shareholder, *The Guardian*, is alarmed



at the prospect of the *Independent* securing a wealthy new American backer. The Americans, for their part, are so amazed at the recklessness of Britain's new newspaper proprietors that they may just go on backing the existing *Correspondent* until a better offer comes along. They at least can afford it.

## Music of time

The Café de Paris in London's Coventry Street, which closes tonight before the redevelopers move in, must seem positively passé to the present disco generation, but what

Would you mind showing a bit more leg?



a host of memories it evokes among those who knew it during its prewar heyday. The Duke of Windsor, when Prince of Wales, danced the Charleston there. Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh, Charlie Chaplin and Sophie Tucker were regulars. Marlene Dietrich had a brush there with an unfortunate photographer who asked her to show a bit of leg as in the film *The Blue Angel*.

The listed building is full of memorabilia of its famous clients, all of which will tomorrow be put into storage on the outside chance that the phoenix might arise from the ashes. "We are still in the business of running dance halls, and if a suitable West End site close by becomes available we shall look at it," says Alan Randall of Mecca Leisure, the owners. "But the Café was unique. It straddled six decades of changing dance style and still remained the place to be seen. Whatever happens, the ghosts will be tea drinking long after the lambada has thankfully been forgotten."

## And on and on

Not a few eyebrows were raised when the prime minister told Tory MPs this week that she might well delay the general election until the last possible date: July 9, 1992. Most recalled that they had been elected on June 11, 1987, and those not versed in constitutional law assumed quite reasonably that at best this guaranteed them a job until June 10, 1992. But the House of Commons library confirms that, as usual, Mrs Thatcher is correct, and the sell-by date on a parliament can quite legitimately

be extended beyond five years. This is how it works. The present parliament was formed (as opposed to elected) on June 17, 1987, which means that the government can go on until midnight on June 16, 1992. The electoral timetable then allows specified periods for nomination and notice, which take us through to a polling date of Thursday, July 9. In other words, an administration convinced that it is doomed can in effect stand almost an entire month after its allotted five years.

The situation is not quite unprecedented. Sir Alec Douglas-Home went to the country on October 15, 1964, five years and one week to the day after Macmillan had been re-elected in 1959. But even if Mrs Thatcher sees this one through to the bitter end, she would have to win again and soldier on until the end of 1992 to overtake Lord Salisbury in length of service as PM, and it would take a further 18 months to pass Lord Liverpool. To beat Walpole, she would need to stay at No 10 until the year 2000. Now there's a thought...

Only this week, indeed, Mrs Thatcher was asking for suggestions on how the arrival of the millennium can be celebrated — a thriffliness that has continued presence in Downing Street would be the best of all possible celebrations, and instead, she asked what she suggested a volunteer army of street-cleaners. Many fear that if up to our necks. Diary readers are surely think of more imaginative ways to mark the year 2000.

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## SPORT IN THE BEARPIT

The impending visit to South Africa of Sam Ramsamy, who has been commissioned by the International Olympic Committee to assess the racial politics of sport in the republic, is unlikely to herald a magnanimous gesture in response to President F. W. de Klerk's gradual but systematic repudiation of the old Afrikaner order. Pretoria will have had few illusions. Mr Ramsamy, chairman of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, is a veteran of the campaign to isolate South African sport.

By appointing him, the arbiters of participation in the Olympic Games are signalling that they have no intention of readmitting South Africa until black majority rule is established. The Gleneagles accord remains in force. There is little prospect of the cricketing authorities — terrified of losing lucrative tours to non-white countries — lifting their boycott. South Africa retains a seat on rugby's ruling body, but only in the sense that Banquo had a seat at Macbeth's table.

The sporting boycott, unlike other sanctions, has impinged on South African whites. It has also been effective in breaking down much formal, and some informal, racial discrimination. For that reason, anti-apartheid campaigners argue, the vice should not be loosened. That argument has convinced many who are critical of sanctions in general. As long as Nelson Mandela and other black leaders wish the rest of the world to continue to isolate South African sport, the ban will remain.

The aborted unofficial cricket tour led by Mike Gatting earlier this year was the exception that proved this rule. With hindsight, that tour can be seen as a clumsy attempt to break apartheid's cordon sanitaire, or at least it came a year too soon. The boldness of Mr de Klerk's proposed changes was not as evident as it has since become, and most people could not yet contemplate the resumption of sporting links with the outside world.

Now the threat of an authoritarian white backlash is sufficiently grave to give even the sternest critic of Pretoria cause to ponder the best approach to isolationism. Mr de Klerk may have successfully stolen the clothes of white South African liberals. If he loses touch

with mainstream Afrikaner opinion, the president could yet fail and give way to forces less hospitable to gradual change.

The art of compromise which he must display in the coming months, as one bulwark of apartheid after another collapses, requires that he be able to show his enemies to the right that the outside world understands the need for change and that change offers its own rewards. If those outside South Africa deny Mr de Klerk even symbolic encouragement — and there is no encouragement more symbolic than in sport — he will no longer be seen to be negotiating from strength.

An additional irony to the boycott is that the isolation of some South African sports affects more blacks than whites, notably athletics, boxing and the predominantly black sport of soccer. All have abolished apartheid. Of the two remaining apartheid laws which can be said to affect sport, the Separate Amenities Act is due to be abolished soon. The Group Areas Act may survive for longer, but it too has been slated for abolition. Short of a right-wing rebellion, which is not a pure figment of the imagination, formal segregation is certain to go. It is difficult to justify penalising sports which are played by the underdogs of the apartheid system and which forces dozens of talented (black) South African footballers to seek their fortunes abroad.

Aware of this state of affairs, football's international body Fifa is reported to be considering the readmission of South Africa. If Fifa were to take that step, perhaps on a symbolic date such as that of the abolition of the Separate Amenities Act, it would provide a real incentive for whites to see in desegregation throughout South Africa the advent not of revolution but of normality. Tolerance feeds on itself.

Sport is rooted in culture, and South African blacks and whites will doubtless display different sporting preferences. But to free sport from ideology is a precondition of real freedom of choice for individual sportsmen. The watching world should help to hoist one sport after another out of the bearpit of racial politics.

## KOREA BEGINS TO THAW

The permafrost zone of the Cold War lies on the 38th parallel of the Korean peninsula, along which runs a heavily fortified wilderness several miles deep. To the north of the demilitarised zone, there are more than a million troops. South Korea boasts a force of 600,000, backed by 43,000 American servicemen. No rail, telephone or even postal services cross the line; for four decades, there has been almost no contact between ten million divided families. North Koreans cannot even receive southern radio broadcasts, and South Korea's National Security Law punishes "unauthorised" visits north with heavy prison sentences.

These walls will not come tumbling down at the sound of a trumpet. Years of visits across the Berlin Wall preceded its dismantling, and the Koreans, unlike the Germans, fought each other for three years and are still technically at war. But cracks are discernible. North Korea's speedy dismissal as "fraudulent propaganda" of yesterday's offer by President Roh Tae Woo to open the border for five days next month was as predictable as Seoul's rejection of a similar, if more limited, North Korean gesture two weeks ago. Yet Pyongyang's rejection was qualified by demands for more steps to dismantle north-south barriers. The customary northern reference to Mr Roh as a "traitor" was significantly dropped.

South Korea's "nordpolitik" is beginning to hit its target. Seoul's strategy for reunification has been to break down Pyongyang's resistance by forging relations with North Korea's traditional allies. The first triumph came in 1988, when both the Soviet Union and China, the North's patrons, attended the Seoul Olympics. Since then, South Korea has established relations with most East European countries and infuriated North Korea's Kim Il Sung with a June summit in San Francisco between Mr Roh and President Gorbachev. Diplomatic progress is slower with Peking, but trade is booming, amounting to \$3.2 billion last year. Seoul has much to offer North Korea's

friends. President Kim's doctrine of self-reliance, far from producing the intended results, has made the once prosperous north dependent on Moscow (or Peking) for cash, goods and military hardware. Pyongyang's hardline communist solidarity has become an embarrassment to Moscow, and less relevant even to Peking. South Korea, by contrast, offers a source of investment and consumer goods and a large, stable market for Soviet raw materials: trade is climbing towards \$1 billion.

Moscow is also seeking North Korean permission to run a gas pipeline across its territory. The Korean giant, Hyundai, is planning a \$600 million investment in a Siberian petrochemical complex, and South Korean presidential advisers and businessmen already dream of a high-speed train link through Manchuria to the heart of Siberia.

North Korea, economically stagnant and increasingly isolated, has swung between loud denunciation, propaganda gestures and quiet, tentative, accommodation. Abroad, Pyongyang has started its own "sodpolitik", putting out feelers to West Germany and holding talks in Peking with the United States. Last month, for the first time, it handed over the remains of American GIs killed in the Korean War. At home, bicycles, hitherto outlawed as "vehicles of aesthetic pollution" have begun to appear on the capital's streets, cautious price reforms are being mooted and the odd pedlar and taxi have made their appearance, suggesting the beginnings of surrender to the "individualism" of private enterprise.

Next Thursday, a date, probably in September, will be set for the first meeting of North and South Korean prime ministers since the 1953 armistice. Almost certainly, the "great leader" will have to die, or be eased out of office, before such meetings bring about reunification. But some North Koreans, at least, are beginning to concede that the invitation ultimately permits of no refusal.

ACHUB EIN HIETHOEDD  
SABHAIL AR CÂNAIN  
GWITH AGAN YETHOW

The decision to drop Cornish as a GCSE subject is a lesson for Britain's Celtic fringe. Only six examination candidates on the far side of the Tamar came forward in two years. Clearly once a language has died a natural death, more than good intentions will be needed to revive it.

Rearguard actions elsewhere to preserve the ancient languages of Britain have recently won some small victories. In Scotland Gaelic is enjoying a revival. Although only 80,000 speak it, there are pockets — in the Western Isles for instance — where it survives as the first language for some families. The Scottish Office recently budgeted £8 million for more Gaelic radio and TV programmes. Even in Glasgow and Edinburgh, some middle-class parents now send their bairns to all-Gaelic schools.

Mightier battles are being waged in Wales. About half of the principality spoke Welsh at the beginning of the century, but only one in five (just over 500,000) at the time of the last census in 1981. Whether the steady decline has been arrested will not be known until after next year's census. As Welsh secretary, Peter Walker founded the Welsh Language Board two years ago to draw up an official strategy.

Ethnic profiles in Wales and Scotland are sharper than in Cornwall. There, the last native Cornish-speaker is commonly believed to have been a fishwife who died in Mousehole 200 years ago. The Cornish Language Board has years ago attempted to rescue the language but only about 2,000 people now claim to understand Cornish. A language needs more than scholars-

tic interest and curiosity. Where it still lives, it needs vigorous protection.

Visitors to Wales are already accustomed to seeing place names printed in two languages: Cardiff/Caerdydd, Swansea/Abertawe or Newtown/Y Drenewydd for example. The Welsh Language Board as part of its five-year plan has called for Welsh to have equal validity in law. Welsh has become almost chic as a result. Even in mid-Glamorgan, in relatively cosmopolitan southeast Wales, the popularity of all-Welsh nursery groups and schools is growing.

But if Welsh is to survive the next century, it will probably need legislation. The county of Dyfed in southwest Wales provoked hostility last year when it ordered that children in 200 primary schools in rural areas should be taught in Welsh up to the age of seven. These are largely Welsh-speaking areas and the requirement was an attempt to secure the language into the next century. What evidence there is suggests that to be brought up bilingual is no great handicap. Those from outside Wales who decide to live there must expect to lump it.

Whether even this is enough to save the Welsh language remains to be seen. The Irish Republic is officially bilingual and keeps Irish alive by making it compulsory for civil servants and for all children until they leave school. This has done little to popularise a near-extinct language. In Wales and Scotland, Celtic still lives, but a ruthless strategy may be needed if this invigorating aspect of Britain's cultural history is to be conserved.

Spotlight needed  
on British films

From Mr Nigel Havers

Sir, I have just read an article on British films which appeared in your columns in 1949. Even then, it was stated, the industry's future fortunes "will be decided by the success or failure of film producers' efforts to reduce costs and to increase the proportion of good films" (leading article, April 1, 1949).

Many of us are trying to do precisely that, but the resources available to Hollywood producers are simply not available in this country. It seems that little has changed in nearly half a century.

In 1949, however, 40 per cent of films shown in British cinemas had, by law, to be British films. The French, our partners in Europe, pursue a similar policy to support their industry.

As part of a production company which aims to produce British feature films of the highest possible standard, I appeal to the Government to think seriously about our industry. It is a vital part of our cultural heritage.

Re-introducing a quota system would be a drastic step, probably opening up a tit-for-tat attitude with America that we could well do without. But it seems to me that a succession of governments over the last 41 years have been less than favourable to our industry, allowing our cinemas to be swamped with American products which, to put it kindly, have been often well below the standard that our own industry could easily produce.

This Government, under enormous pressure, has come up with a £5 million peace offering (report, June 16). Advertising campaigns often spend that amount of money on making half-a-dozen commercials. It is not just the Attenboroughs and Puttnams of this business who need to be consulted; what about the thousands of talented and eager other producers, directors, actors and actresses in this country who need direct encouragement from the Government to put British films back on a global footing?

Yours sincerely,  
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July 18.

## Questioning suspects

From Mr Neville Sarony

Sir, Your leader, "French lesson for the law" (July 18), advocates involvement of the Crown Prosecution Service much earlier in the investigative process. My experience, both in the UK and in Hong Kong, proves that early involvement, particularly in complex commercial crimes, has been of enormous benefit to the prosecution.

However, the suggestion that the CPS lawyers should be able to question suspects and interview witnesses is impractical and fraught with potential problems. If the lawyers having the conduct of the case are directly involved in the investigative process this will inevitably negate their objective judgement, which is so vital a role in the machinery of criminal justice and which is one of the basic reasons for removing summary prosecutions from the hands of the police in the first place.

Secondly, participation in interviews of witnesses and a fortiori questioning of suspects involve the lawyer in the evidential aspects of the case and thus make him or her compellable as a witness, a situation which is wholly contrary to our tradition of professionally disinterested prosecutors.

Yours faithfully,  
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## In the public eye

From Mr Robert Edwards

Sir, The Times, Guardian, Daily Telegraph, and almost every other national newspaper published on Tuesday what is surely a classic picture of the beleaguered Mr Nicholas Ridley peering round the wall of his Cotswold home at the posse of photographers outside.

One recommendation of the Calcutt committee is that it should be a criminal offence to take a photograph of an individual who is on private property, without his consent, with a view to its publication with intent that the individual shall be identifiable.

Quite a thought, is it not, that if this law was already on the statute book every single editor who published that photograph would have risked going to jail, including one distinguished member of the Calcutt committee?

Yours faithfully,  
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## Dental contracts

From the Chairman of the General Dental Services Committee

Sir, Your correspondent Mr S. M. Danielli (July 16) says that a new NHS method of paying for children's dental care will be inappropriate in socially and dentally disadvantaged areas. He gives this as the reason for the recent referendum "no" to the new NHS contract. This is implausible.

There was majority support for the new contract in the north of England which, dentally, is much like Scotland and Northern Ireland where the vote went against. The vote suggests that there were non-dental influences on the referendum result, and demonstrates the frailty of a referendum as a decision-making tool.

## Benefits of health service reforms

From the Secretary of State for Health

Sir, Dr James LeFanu's article (July 18) on the changes taking place in the NHS and on GP fund-holding in particular is so confused and confusing that I must try to correct some of the misconceptions contained in it.

The budget-holding scheme gives GPs control of significant sums of NHS money. They will be free to refer patients where they judge best and make whatever contracts will best serve the interests of their patients.

There is nothing complex about this. The referral system will remain the same. But fund-holders will be in a much stronger position to specify to hospitals and consultants the quality of service which they expect their referrals to receive because their referrals will be backed by NHS funds. And they will be better placed to make sure that their patients get the best value for money.

Dr LeFanu's assertions about the existing management costs of the NHS are ill-founded. The figure of 4 per cent of revenue budget for NHS administration costs is often quoted but is a myth. It relates only to the administration costs of health authority headquarters. It omits completely the cost of managing the hospitals, clinics and surgeries where the service is actually delivered. Nobody knows what the real management costs of the current system are.

## The county touch

From Mr G. A. J. Wankling

Sir, In a few weeks time members of the National Trust for England and Wales will receive their postal voting papers for the 1990 AGM. Among other things they will be asked to vote on a resolution submitted by myself and 37 other members which calls upon the council of the trust to "ensure that the traditional county names are used by the National Trust in all its literature, correspondence and audio-visual presentations and at all other times except when specifically referring to local government."

We believe that the traditional counties are as much a part of our heritage as the stately homes and stretches of beautiful countryside with which the trust is usually associated. They are far older than the administrative areas, confusingly also called "counties", with which the local government acts of the 1960s and '70s were concerned.

As a Department of the Environment spokesman, quoted in The Times of April 1, 1974 (the day on which the 1972 Local Government Act came into effect) put it: "They are administrative areas and will not alter the traditional boundaries of counties, nor is it intended that the loyalties of people living in them will change."

Unfortunately, Ordnance Survey, the Post Office and many local authorities have, without justification, changed their policies and now treat the administrative county as the main, or only, county. Sixteen years on, most people, often unwillingly, use the names of administrative areas when they are really referring to the geographical county. Although the DoE will admit to anyone who asks that the traditional counties remain unchanged, it states that it is not its responsibility to correct people's misapprehensions.

We believe that the National Trust should take the lead in correcting a mistake that has gone unchallenged for too long.

Yours faithfully,  
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## More than the 'Few'

From Mr Peter Erwood

Sir, The Battle of Britain was not an exclusive RAF victory, as is usually implied. Whatever the true number of enemy aircraft shot down may be, it is indisputable that a fair proportion of these were destroyed by anti-aircraft guns of the Royal Artillery.

The "Facts of the Battle" published in your Saturday Review on July 14 make no mention of this, which is an insult to the memory of the several thousand men, nearly all Territorial Army volunteers, and substantially either veterans of the first world war or 18-year-old boys who served the guns day and night (when RAF fighters were often conspicuous by their absence).

In addition, many of them (and I speak with personal experience of service at Dover throughout the battle) existed in conditions

reminiscent of the Western Front in 1914-18, rather than the relatively comfortable barracks life enjoyed by the RAF, whether on or off duty.

I have the greatest respect for the bravery of the fighter pilots of the RAF, of which I witnessed many instances; but it really is time that their achievements are put into correct historical perspective. The adulation of "The Few" (which is, I am sure, not of their own seeking) ought now to be superseded by the more appropriate appreciation of the fact that we were all in it together, and that everyone in the battle — servicemen and civilians, fliers and non-fliers — all played their part as the fortunes of war dictated.

Yours faithfully,  
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Concern to keep  
country barns

From Mrs Mary J. Boughton

Sir, The answer to Yvonne Thomas's question, "Too late to shut the barn door?" (article, July 14) is quite simply — yes, much too late.

In this district there are few old stone barns left to preserve, conserve, or even to convert. As has become all too common in recent years every available barn, used or unused, has been converted into houses, many of them second homes.

We have not only lost the barns, with their historic and aesthetic individuality, but now have in their place mainly houses which are unloved in for most of the year and therefore contribute nothing to the community. None is within the price range of local young people. Although the very last barn was a listed building, this made no difference at all.

Blame must lie with the planning authorities, particularly the appeal processes. If conservation is to be effective the local planning authority must be given sharp teeth and be certain that refusal of applications will not, almost certainly, be overturned on appeal.

Villages are living, working communities, often struggling to survive in these times of urbanisation and centralisation. Everybody who buys a second home or a retirement home in the country should remember that the chances are that that will be a converted barn or a farmworker's dwelling that they are moving into.

Yours sincerely,  
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From Mrs Janet Coenen

Sir, Having converted a barn for my own use, illustrated in your "Weekend Living", I have come to some conclusions. Not all barns are necessarily stately or even aesthetically pleasing. Standards should be established to determine whether a barn is "unique" in some way. If it is, it should then, through the collaboration of owner, local authority, etc., be protected and maintained, preferably to continue as an agricultural building. If it is genuinely redundant, an alternative use should be found, connected with the community, location permitting.

Such designated buildings should not under any circumstances have a change of use to "dwellings" because I do not see how, realistically, such a change of identity, with totally different practical and emotional considerations, can be made without "sacrifices". Barns meriting preservation should remain authentic in their design and use, ultimately taking their place as monuments to an earlier agricultural society and serving as a vital continuing link with the past.

The barn which I converted, however, fell squarely into the "un-unique" category, its only point of interest being a decaying wooden arch in the entrance (now restored). A neighbour best summed up its general condition: "It will take a miracle to make something out of that ruin". Well, not exactly a miracle, but hard work, cooperation, quality materials and skilled workmanship.

What has evolved is a stone-clad building, designed on traditional lines, with hopefully an aura of humanity rather than sterility. Any stoniness my barn may have is recently acquired.

Yours truly,  
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## Rejoinder on Kenya

From the Director of the Kenya Wildlife Service

Sir, That we have problems in Kenya is not in dispute, but they are not as Christopher Walker ("Is Britain too soft on Moi?", July 19) has presented them.

The Kikuyu are not a majority in the country. Peace returned well over a week ago and violence is not threatening "to spill on to the streets". Hooliganism was, I might add, a large part of the original problem.

A lot is being done to address the problems but it takes a little time. However, what Mr Walker, perhaps unwittingly, does reveal is that we do have an open society here in Kenya in which views are expressed in all sections of the community. If that message comes through his writings he might even have done us a favour.

Yours etc.,  
RICHARD LEAKEY,  
Director,  
Kenya Wildlife Service,  
PO Box 40241,  
Nairobi,  
Kenya,  
July 19.

## Third force

From Mr Stewart Reuben

Sir, I note that of the people continuing education in England and Wales after 16, 52.4 per cent are girls and 41.7 per cent boys (report, July 20). If the remaining 5.9 per cent are computers, I am disappointed that 16-year-old machines perform so well in our examination system.

Yours faithfully,  
S. REUBEN,  
11 Haversham Close,  
Cambridge Park,  
Twickenham,  
Middlesex.



# COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
July 20: His Excellency Mr. Afanassios Toleas was received in audience by the Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for Western Samoa in London.

Mr. Roger Tomkys (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Sir Terence Clark (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Moscow) was received by the Queen.

Mr. Michael Daly (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at La Paz) was received by the Queen.

Mr. John Floyd was received by the Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the British Petroleum Oilfield at Weymouth, Dorset, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dorset (The Lord Digby).

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, visited the Museum of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, Epsom, Surrey, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).

Mr. Brian McGrath was in attendance.

Today the Duke of York took the Salute at the Royal Tournament, Epsom, Surrey.

His Royal Highness was received by Rear Admiral Douglas Dow.

Captain Neil Blair, RN, and Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton were in attendance.

The Prince Edward today visited the Hewlett Packard Limited at 9 Brixton Road, London, ECU.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

The Prince Edward, Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Projects Group, visited the Millers Hotel, Newbury, followed by a charity film premiere of *Gremlins II* at the Cannon Cinema, Newbury.

His Royal Highness subsequently attended a buffet supper at Millers Hotel.

Prince Edward was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Vice-Lord Lieutenant (Captain the Honourable Nicholas Beaumont).

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

Today the Princess Royal visited Leicestershire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Leicestershire (T. G. M. Brooks Esq.).

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, visited the Albany Bell Company, Melton Mowbray and the Mensley Group Limited, Syston.

In the afternoon The Princess Royal opened the World Convention of the Association Internationale des Ecoles Supérieures d'Education Physique (AIESEP), at Loughborough University.

Her Royal Highness was attended by Mrs Caroline Wallace.

**CLARENCE HOUSE**  
July 20: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Auxiliary Regiment, this afternoon opened the Regimental Museum of the Royal Norfolk Regiment in Norwich.

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt were in attendance.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
July 20: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, received members of the Blackburn Partnership.

His Royal Highness, President, Scottish Business in the Community, received Sir Hector Leung, Mr Graham Ross, Mr John Moorhouse, Mr John Thompson and Mr Stephen O'Brien.

The Prince of Wales held a meeting to discuss The Prince of Wales Award for Innovation.

His Royal Highness gave a lunch for Mr Michael Portillo, MP (Minister of State Department of Transport, Minister for Public Transport), Sir Hector Leung, Mr Stephen O'Brien.

**YORK HOUSE**  
July 20: The Duke of Kent, Patron of the Trinity College of Music, today attended Presentation Day at the Wigmore Hall, London W1.

Mr Andrew Palmer was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President of the King's Lynn Festival of the Music and the Arts, this evening attended the Opening Concert of the 40th Festival at St. Nicholas Church, King's Lynn, Norfolk, and was received on arrival by Mr Jonathan Peel (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk).

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Chancellor, this morning presided at the Conference of Deputies at the University of Leeds.

Mrs Peter Wilton-Sirwell was in attendance.

**THATCHED HOUSE LODGE**  
July 20: Princess Alexandra was present today at the opening of the redesigned Dilsons Bookstore, incorporating Mowbrays Bookshop, at 28 Margaret Street, London W1.

Lady Nicholas Gordon Leveson was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening took the Salute at the evening performance of The Royal Tournament at Epsom Court.

## Marriages

Mr R.A. Fitzalan Howard and Miss J.N. Johnson. The marriage took place yesterday at St Mary's, Denham Village, Buckinghamshire, of Mr Richard Andrew Fitzalan Howard, son of Lord and Lady Michael Fitzalan Howard, to Miss Josephine Nina Johnson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Johnson. The Rev Adrian Hirst and Don Walter Maxwell-Stuart, OSB, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by William Haig, Lord Maltravers, Heloise Goetel, Olivia McAlpine, Fiona Bickmore, Flora Fitzalan Howard, and Countess Christine Wedell. The Earl of Arundel and Surrey was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.P. Wrigley and Lucinda, Lady Banbury. The marriage took place in London, on Thursday, July 19, 1990, between Mr John Patrick Wrigley, of Delbury Hall, Craven Arms, Shropshire, and Lucinda, Elizabeth Scarlett, Lady Banbury, daughter of Mr John Treherne and the Hon Lady Brinkman, of Gloucestershire.

Mr H.J.S. Rutland and Miss S.C. Summers. The marriage took place yesterday at Holy Trinity,

Brompton, of Mr Hugo James Stanley Rutland, only son of Mr David Rutland, of Field Road, SW7, and of Lady Davis, of 200, Tulse Hill, Surrey, to Miss Serena Claire Summers, elder daughter of Mr Mark Summers, of Stansfeld, Essex, and Mrs Jonathan Crouch, of Saffron Walden, Essex. Frebendary J.T.C. Collins officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Julia Summers, Sophie Crouch, Ian Mitchell, Innes, Michael Cumming-Bruce, Cressida Connolly, Clemency Seaward and Emma Glaister. Mr Edmund Glaister was best man.

A reception was held at 34 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr P. Blountfield and Mrs T.T. Paul. The marriage took place on Friday, July 20, at Richmond, Surrey, between Mr Peter Blountfield, of Barnes, London, and Mrs Jennie Paul, of Petworth, West Sussex.

Mr S. Hawkesworth QC and Dr M. Bamber. The marriage took place on July 18, 1990, in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, of Mr Simon Hawkesworth, of Wakeley, Knaresborough, and Dr May Bamber, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.Y. Nicolson and Miss F.J.M. Shaw. The engagement is announced between Mr R.Y. Nicolson, of Throby, Kent, and Evelyn, daughter of Monsieur Michel Baudouin and Madame Paule Cailleau.

Mr C.B. Richardson and Miss A. Montzka. The engagement is announced between Christopher, third son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Richardson, of Reeves Hall, East Mersea, Colchester, and Miss A. Montzka, daughter of Herr and Frau Engel Montzka, of Bonn, Germany.

Mr R.C. Beetham, Ambassador at Dakar, is to be additionally Ambassador (non-resident) to Guinea-Bissau and to Mali, in succession to Mr J. E. C. Macrae.

Mr W. R. Tomkys to be British High Commissioner to Kenya, in succession to Sir John Johnson, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service and taking up an appointment at Oxford University.

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## OBITUARIES

# REAR-ADMIRAL 'TONY' PUGSLEY

Rear-Admiral A. F. (Tony) Pugsley, CB, DSO and two Bars, who has died, aged 88, at his home in Somerset, was the naval assault force commander at Westkapelle, on the Dutch island of Walcheren, in 1944. He was born on December 7, 1901.

MUCH was at stake on November 1, 1944, when "Tony" Pugsley and his Force T moved in to the Dutch coast to land No 4 Special Service Brigade's three Royal Marine Commando units on the island of Walcheren. The battle which ensued needs to be seen against the background of the strategic situation in north-west Europe in the autumn of 1944. The capture of Antwerp by the British in September had opened up a prospect bright with promise. Only scattered German forces were to be found between the city and the German industrial heartland of the Ruhr, barely 100 miles away. Indeed, Hitler, at his headquarters far away on the eastern front, was thrown into a panic. Antwerp provided a major port to supply the allied advance which was still relying for its fuel and ammunition on the daily lengthening lines of communication with the Normandy beachhead.

But in the ensuing weeks possession of Antwerp began to reveal itself as something from which no actual benefit beyond the psychological promised the Pugsley's Force T and the British commandos a fiercely contested landing.

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commandos. After the operation the commanders and men of the special services brigade expressed their sincere hope that Force T would be on hand again if they had to undertake a similar operation. After the epic of Walcheren, Pugsley and Force T continued to play a vital role on the left flank of the British and Canadian armies, using the waterways of the Low Countries to carry out numerous raids on enemy held territory, until the end of the war in Europe.

Pugsley had already served as a destroyer captain, commanding an assault group at Juno beach and after D-Day, and as captain of patrols in the Channel, where he had been responsible for thwarting the enemy's attempts to disrupt the build-up of the Normandy beachhead. In five

## GEORGES DARGAUD

Georges Dargaud, the French publisher who launched the comic characters Tintin and Asterix the Gaul, died aged 79 in a Paris clinic on July 18. He was born on April 27, 1911.

THERE was not, in his early days, much about Georges Dargaud to suggest that he would be the vehicle through which two, very different, French comic characters would achieve world-wide currency. Born in Paris, he had his elementary education and then attended a commercial school there. In the 1930s he worked as a publicity agent for a political journal.

He founded the publishing house which bore his name in

1943. But it was not until his meeting with the Belgian cartoonist Herge (pen name of Georges Remi) in 1948 that the first of his major comic publishing enterprises really took off. Tintin, the moon-faced reporter of indeterminate age, conspicuous for his cowlick and plus-fours, had appeared in newspaper comic strips, but it was his publication in magazine form which gave him such popularity. The pantheon of dotty characters who accompanied Tintin, including his crafty fox terrier, Milou, the absent minded mathematician, Calculus, and two accident-prone detectives, Dupond and Dupont, soon developed an appeal outside

France. In this country they were first seen in Marcus Morris's successful boys' comic, *Eagle*, in 1951 (with Milou becoming Snowy, and the luckless detectives, Thomson and Thompson).

An even greater publishing success awaited editions Dargaud in 1959 with the appearance of *Asterix le Gaulois*, from the French comic writer René Goscinny, realised visually by the cartoonist Albert Uderzo. Published in comic book form by Dargaud, the successive adventures of Asterix and his beleaguered fellow denizens of the one Gaulish village which continuously defies history and the attempts of Julius

Caesar's legions to subdue it took the world by storm. Over the years the Asterix books became a part of the process of growing up for a generation of children in many countries, selling to date, two million copies a year in 33 languages, and, recently, spawning a theme park, based on the village, in northern France.

In spite of Asterix's runaway success, however, editions Dargaud ran into financial problems in the 1980s, and in 1988 he finally sold out to the group Média Participations. He was a popular character in French publishing.

He leaves his widow, Irène, and their daughter.

## ROLAND de MARGERIE

Roland Jacquin de Margerie, who was France's ambassador to Bonn at the time of the historic 1963 reconciliation with Germany personified by Charles de Gaulle and Konrad Adenauer, died on July 13 at the age of 91. He was born on May 6, 1899.

ROLAND de Margerie came from one of France's most distinguished diplomatic families, which has given its services to the French state for the past two centuries. Like his father, Pierre de Margerie, and his son, Emmanuel de Margerie, former ambassador to London and Washington, he was raised to the title of Ambassador de France, an exceptional honour. The nephew of Edmond de Rostand, the creator of *Cyrano de Bergerac*, brother-in-law of Alfred Fabre-Luce, one of France's leading bankers, and a close friend of Teilhard de Chardin the theologian, de Margerie was a man of wide culture, wit and great integrity as well as being a brilliant, hard working diplomat whose views were always listened to and respected. Snail, upright and thin, with a penetrating gaze behind his round pearly glasses, he was found intimidating by many.

After serving in the French army during the first world war, he took degrees in literature and political science before joining the diplomatic service. Posted first to Belgium and then, in 1922, to Weimar Germany, he was sent as ambassador to London in 1933, where, over the next six years, he succeeded in establishing good working relations with many politicians, including Winston Churchill. He always remained pro-British.

Rejoining the French army at the outbreak of the second world war, he was recalled to Paris in 1940 to act as the director of cabinet of Paul Reynaud, foreign minister and prime minister. In the days of political vacillation leading up to the French declaration of an armistice in June 1940, de Margerie remained resolutely in favour of fighting on against the Germans.

When de Gaulle came to London to see Churchill for the first time on June 9, de Margerie accompanied him. When a meeting between Reynaud and Churchill was organised at Tours on June 13, shortly after the government had left Paris for Bordeaux, it was de Margerie who alerted

de Gaulle, who had not been invited, and who warned him of the dangers of the strong defeatist tendencies surrounding Reynaud.

After de Gaulle's final departure for London, it was de Margerie who arranged passports for Madame de Gaulle and the children to enable them to join de Gaulle in England. However, after some hesitation, he did not join de Gaulle's Free French Forces, accepting instead a posting as the Vichy government's consul general in Shanghai, which was then occupied by the Japanese.

In 1941, de Gaulle actually went so far as to send de Margerie a telegram inviting him to join him in London. "Venez, mon ami," the telegram ended, an almost unparalleled gesture from such a man. But de Margerie never replied. Notwithstanding this rebuff, de Gaulle did not hesitate to choose him for the highly sensitive post of France's ambassador to Bonn in 1962, when de Gaulle and Adenauer were seeking to heal the wounds of the war and to bring their two countries closer together. De Margerie was influential in helping to draw up the Franco-German treaty, signed by the two leaders in 1963, forming the basis of the historic Paris Bonn axis which was to prove the leading force in the construction of Europe right up to the present time.

The Bonn posting marked the culmination of a post-war career which had seen de Margerie first as chargé d'affaires in Peking, then as director of the political department at the Quai d'Orsay, where he played an important role in the West's efforts to stop Soviet expansionism before appointments as ambassador to the Vatican, Madrid and finally Bonn.

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## MADGE GARLAND

Nesta Macdonald writes: TO HER helpful disposition Madge Garland added the attribute of instant and total recall. Asked, for example, about something in the Twenties, she would come up with a succinct description, with every relevant detail and the plus of an illuminating, and sometimes deliciously unprintable aside or judgement.

Famous as a party-giver, and a devotee of the Diaghilev Ballet, in July 1927 she co-

hosted with Alan and Harper, Olivia Wyndham, and Martin Wilson (elder brother of the late Peter Wilson of Sotheby's) a celebration after the revival of *Les Maîtres*. The guests invited to her flat in Royal Hospital Road were bidden to assume a nautical mien; one would give a lot to have seen Lytton Strachey respond as an admiral, and been able to applaud Tallulah Bankhead's improvised impersonation of a naughty little boy in his very first white sailor suit.

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## Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Nigel Bosche, chairman, Trafalgar House, 56; Mr Henry E. Cotton, Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, 61; Dame Joyce Davis, thoracic surgeon, 65; Sir Stephen Egerton, diplomat, 58; Miss Bunchi Emetchea, writer, 46; Canon Ronald Gray, Speaker's Chaplain, 60; Sir Michael Barker, 90; Sir Kirby, Laird, former chairman, Laing Properties, 74; Dr Jonathan Miller, film, theatre and opera director, 56; Major-General the Duke of Norfolk, 75; Mr J. J. Kerr, actor, 64; Mr Julian Peck, broadcaster, 55; Sir David Piper, former director of the Ashmolean Museum, 72; Lieutenant-General Sir Stenart Pringle, 62; Mr Karl Reid, film director, 64; Mr Michael St John Parker, headmaster, Abingdon School, 49; Mr Isaac Stern, violinist, 70; Mr Peter Wright, former Chief Constable, South Yorkshire, 61.

TOMORROW: Dr Sir Reginald Bennett, former MP, 79; Brigadier Lord Campbell of Alder VC, 88; Group Captain Sir Hugh Dundas, chairman, Prince's Youth Business Trust, 70; Miss Julia Farron, a director, Royal Academy of Arts, 68; Mr Bryan Forbes, film director and producer, 64; Mr Justice Gaudin, 61; Sir Rupert Gray, sports commentator, 62; General Sir Charles Huxtable, 59; Mrs J.A.G. Kennedy, civil engineer, 40; Miss Bonnie Langford, actress, 26; Professor Sir Ronald Mason, chemist, 60; Mr Terence Stamp, actor, 52; Sir William Wilkinson, chairman, Nature Conservancy Council, 58.

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## Anniversaries

TODAY: Jean Picard, astronomer, La Flèche, France, 1620; Matthew Prior, poet, Westminster, Dorset, 1664; Elizabeth Hamilton, writer, Belfast, 1758; Hart Crane, poet, Garrettsville, Ohio, 1899; Ernest Hemingway, writer, Nobel laureate 1954; Oak Park, Illinois, 1899.

DEATHS: Robert Burns, Dumfriesshire, 1796; Peter Thellouss, merchant, Plaistow, Kent, 1797; Dame Ellen Terry, actress, 1874; Hart Crane, poet, Garrettsville, Ohio, 1899







# A marathon life with never a meal to fix

Home from home: Sir James Savile

JIMMY, now Sir James, Savile has seven residences — nine, if you count his two caravans. But, he says: "I haven't got any homes, and I'm quite happy without them. I'm the archetypal single fellow."

He has cleaners and housekeepers, however, in six of his seven residences. "They are all immaculate and neat and clean," he says. "They're not grimy bachelor pads."

He thinks of them merely as "beds sited in convenient places", and says that he hasn't slept in the same bed three nights running in 30 years. He certainly moves about a lot — running marathons (he has run more than 170 and his biggest single sponsorship was the £100,000 he raised for the British Heart Foundation last year, by completing the London Marathon), or training, or driving his Rolls-Royce between Leeds (where he was born, and owns a three-bedroomed flat), Scarborough (where he owns another three-bedroomed flat), Peterborough (where he owns a two-

bedroomed flat), Bournemouth (where he owns another two-bedroomed flat), Regent's Park (where he owns a studio flat) Broadmoor Hospital (where he keeps a room), Stoke Mandeville Hospital (where he has had the same room for 23 years), and his two 36ft caravans, which are permanently parked in Dorset and Devon and are available free for holidays for patients and their families from the hospitals where he works as a "volunteer helper".

"To say 'Here is a man with seven homes', sounds as if you're acquisitive," he says, "but it is much more convenient to have a bed in a flat than to use a hotel. And if two of them are hospital beds I can't be very fussy, can I?"

His collection of residences is justified, he feels, by a seven-day working week that is never the same two weeks in a row. "I've got beds in Leeds because I work at Leeds Infirmary. I've got beds in Scarborough because that is my favourite coastal resort. Then I got a bed surrounded by a flat in Peterborough because I'm a

consultant for Thomas Cook, the travel people, who have their headquarters there.

"I have a place in Regent's Park for when I'm recording *Jim'll Fix It*, and the beauty of the London place is that it has a garage big enough to take a Rolls-Royce — and that's more of a luxury in London than a bed. Then I have a typical nurses' home room at Stoke Mandeville, which the hospital gave me because they felt I could be useful to them. It was a very good business move, seeing I have just given them a magnetic resonance imaging machine worth £1.2 million. In Broadmoor I have a room above my office, so I can work day and night, and in Bournemouth there is a flat I bought when my mother was alive, and I was looking for a place for her to spend the winter."

He has no pets or pot plants to tie him down and carries his "registered office" in a briefcase. "I have no secretary and no driver. My mail is answered at each place it comes to, but nothing comes to my private addresses. Each place contains all the basic essentials I need."

Basic essentials for the flamboyant disc jockey, television personality and fund-raiser may include laundrette, running shoes, cigars and flashy jewellery, but they most emphatically do not include anything to cook with. Hospital cooking suits him just fine, as does almost any cooking someone else has done for him, he says. "The people who came to put in the kitchen at Leeds couldn't believe it when I asked them to design it without an oven," he says. "They said, 'What if you want to sell it?' He likes food to money. "It's not important as long as there is plenty of it around."

The newly knighted Sir James ("I still can't get used to it") is more aware than most of the silver linings that can lurk in inauspicious-looking clouds. An accident during his early career as a miner left him with a spinal injury that might have crippled him for life, yet led to his first work as a disc jockey, and his lengthy association with the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, for which he has so far raised £10 million.

He keeps his bicycle in the 12ft by 8ft room in Stoke Mandeville. There is a sink, he has his own private bathroom in the corridor outside, and the room is served by three telephones but it seems a spartan and soulless existence.

Sir James vehemently disagrees. "Hospitals are a 24-hour club," he says. "Discos close, but in hospitals there is always somebody awake."

VICTORIA MCKEE

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Not cooking: Sir James Savile in the hobless kitchen of his Leeds flat



Concentration: Alan Stockwell, a golfer turned croquet addict, says the tactics demand physical skill and brain-power

## Going through the hoops

Croquet is booming, with more than 350,000

players in Britain. Geraldine Ranson reports

on moves to make it big on the box as well

From the moment Alan Stockwell first handled a croquet mallet he never played golf again. His wife had seen a poster advertising a course of six lessons and he had gone along half-heartedly, thinking it would be a nice sport for her to take up, leaving him free to enjoy his golf. By the end of the initial tuition he was hooked — and found himself secretary of the newly formed Vine Road Croquet Club in Barnes, west London.

Croquet is booming. Of the 151 clubs registered with the Croquet Association, 66 have opened since 1985. More than 350,000 people play regularly in the season between April and October, and every year there are more recruits.

Vine Road is about a mile from both Hurlingham and Roehampton, the meccas of association croquet, but the ethos of this small club is quite different. Squeezed between two busy railway lines, it was once a bowling green, but the lawns have been re-marked to make four "short lawns" for croquet. The flower beds, neat privet hedges and smooth turf are maintained by the borough of Richmond, and the 30 members pay a subscription of £30 per season.

Mr Stockwell's first six lessons were at the end of the summer of 1987 and he spent the winter reading everything he could about

association croquet. The game bears as much resemblance to the one people play in the back garden as clock golf to a round on an 18-hole course. It is a game as much of tactics as of physical skill, like a mix of chess and snooker, played on a lawn twice the size of a tennis court. Each player or team has two balls, traditionally either black and blue, or red and yellow, allowing many more possibilities of roqueting opponents' balls off course. The tactics become so complicated that once a player has mastered them he or she moves into another league.

By the spring of 1988 Mr Stockwell was keen to put the theory he had learnt during the winter into practice. A retired fire brigade officer, now aged 57, he slipped away to the club whenever he could and, after a few weeks, practice and theory began to come together. He entered the National Garden Croquet Classic and won the area final that year.

Mr Stockwell once had a golf handicap of ten, and had played regularly for more than 25 years. "With golf," he says, "you smash it up the middle and then putt. You spend your life trying to get it right." For a man who loves crosswords, croquet has a lot to offer: "It takes in everything — physical ability, my brain is ticking over and I'm out in the fresh air. In the fire brigade I played every sport available, but I'm captivated by croquet."

His enthusiasm proved infectious in the club. By the summer of 1989, "we'd got the bit between our teeth and entered the south-eastern league [the Croquet Federation runs league games throughout Britain]. We won the

south-eastern team event and two regional championships." Mr Stockwell got through to the all-England final at Colchester, Essex. This year he hopes to win, although with a croquet handicap of nine and his qualification as a grade one croquet coach he spends most weekends teaching and initiating others into the game.

No one knows where croquet originated. It arrived in England from Ireland in about 1850 and reached its zenith in the 1870s. At first it was a game for women, but young men soon discovered that the best way to separate a girl from her chaperone was to roquet her ball into the shrubbery and then gallantly offer to help her find it. Gradually, lawn tennis, which needs only half the space, lured the young and active away, leaving the elderly playing croquet.

The upturn in the fortunes of the game came in 1985, when a story in a national newspaper gave the address of the Croquet Association. Within a week, 1,500 new members had joined.

More than 200 schools play regularly. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Blackburn, Lancashire, started five years ago and has already produced five players for national teams — Chris Clarke, Russell Collighan and the three Saurin brothers.

Sponsorship is slowly coming into the game. The Royal Bank of Scotland aims for schoolboy competitions, and, this month, the Atco lawn mower company backed the British open championships at Hurlingham, which finish tomorrow, and Bombay Sapphire Gin the Solomon

trophy, to be played in September at Roehampton.

However, M&S et Chandon has withdrawn its croquet sponsorship. As the company's promotions director, Nancy Jarrett, arrived for a competition it began to rain and to her horror "they" downed their sailing gear and lay down in the puddles to get the shot right. "It was all very sporting but not quite the champagne image."

Television coverage has been tried but the 25yd by 29yd court is too big: close-up shots out of context become meaningless, and an overall view loses the balls. The Croquet Association is considering producing new rules for a half-sized game for television.

This may well suit Mr Stockwell and his members, whose short lawns measure only 24yd by 16yd, and put beginners at a disadvantage when playing a match on a full-sized lawn. He hopes to find a redundant football pitch which could be converted into full-sized lawns.

Croquet is played by equal numbers of men and women, although Mr Stockwell acknowledges that women's domestic commitments often put them at a disadvantage. When companies play at Vine Road he is amused to see young men who have played at college, sometimes explaining to older members of the board that the rules no longer permit them to put a foot on the ball.

With the Vine Road team, Mr Stockwell will play a demonstration match between 2pm and 5pm on Saturday July 28 at the Orlean's Gallery in Twickenham. There will be a chance for spectators to play afterwards.

GERALDINE RANSON

More information from Brian Macmillan, administration secretary, the Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, Rametagh Gardens, London SW6.

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Help: Candy Bowman, home help

## Many hands, lighter work

CANDY Bowman dreamt of someone who would take the drudgery out of life. "It was so difficult to keep a home going, clothes clean, do errands and wait in for workmen without dropping either an aspect of your job or social life," she says. So in 1986 she started Home Matters, a business that would do for others what she longed to have done for herself.

Ms Bowman, aged 31, employs 53 regular staff including cleaners,

plumbers, and electricians. The agency even has an interior decorator on call, and can provide temporary childcare. It also offers a variety of other services — from queuing for your passport to buying your husband's birthday present, walking the dog, watering the plants and dealing with the drycleaning. But by far the most popular are those which involve dealing with removal men, builders and decorators. "We only use

only people we can trust," Ms Bowman says, "and they are always referred by someone we know."

So far her team has converted bedrooms, re-decorated bedrooms and dealt with flooded basements, including working out the insurance claim and having a new carpet fitted.

The agency charges for the services of the professionals and adds a service charge of about £10 an hour. "It may only take an hour of our time — or it may take more," Ms Bowman says, "but we will always try to keep our time to a minimum."

You have to be a subscriber before you can call on the services of Home Matters. Subscriptions can be taken out for three months at £40, six months at £80 or 12 months at £120.

If you call them for what they term "cloning" — doubling for you while waiting in for a delivery or for a repairman to call — they will advise you to get your money's worth by asking them to clean out the fridge or do the washing at the same time.

VICTORIA MCKEE

Home Matters, 071-359 7339.

### Events in town

#### THIS WEEKEND

● Annual London international festival of street entertainers: Non-stop entertainment with acrobats, clowns, comedians, dancers, jugglers and unicyclists, mime artists, magicians, and poets, puppeteers and theatre groups. Street entertainer of the year awards tomorrow in the Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, 7pm.

West Soho, Carnaby and other pedestrian streets, London W1. Today, tomorrow 11am to late afternoon. Free. Tickets for awards

also free but bookable in advance on 071-734 1166.

● Horses and crafts in Huddersfield: Kirklees Horse Show at Greenhead Park, tomorrow from 9am and a country craft day at Oakwell visitor centre with demonstrations of traditional crafts from 1pm. Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

● Triple challenge and jazz festival: Walk, run or cycle for the Cancer Research Campaign, sponsored by Jazz FM. For the fit, a 15-mile walk starting 11am, or an easier five-mile ramble devised by City Sights leaving at regular intervals from 1pm. Competitive

10km run round the perimeter of Battersea Park from 10.30am, family fun run 3pm. The 26km bike ride leaves at noon. Live jazz. Also crafts, fairs and ethnic food stalls.

Battersea Park, Tomorrow. Registration in the park. Further information (081-746 0053 or 0836 769868).

#### NEXT WEEK

● Plymouth navy days: Ship and naval base open to the public. HMS Naval Base, Plymouth, Devon (0752 355914). Fri-Sun 9.30am-6pm. Adult £3, child £1.

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## A dirty war out on the streets

As the dog population rises, how are we coping with the mess they leave behind?

THE scene was the tiny parish hall of a pretty village in the heart of rural Gloucestershire. A parish meeting was about to begin and, anticipating the usual interest in parish matters, the clerk had set out half a dozen chairs.

When about 50 villagers turned up and engaged in behaviour more common on football terraces, only one person present was prepared. The guest speaker, Sue Bell, the senior dog warden at nearby Tewkesbury, appreciates the high passions aroused by the main subject on the agenda, dog fouling.

Even normally placid citizens are driven to extremes over the subject, it seems. "Temper gets excessively frayed," says Mrs Bell, who is chairman of the National Dog Wardens' Association. "I have chaired three very large meetings where people have had to be physically restrained. There are never neutral people at dog talks. You get the anti-dog lobby and the good dog owners who are violently opposed restrictions because they look after their dogs."

But casual dog owners who allow their dogs to foul all over the place don't turn up.

So great is public outrage that a growing number of local authorities are being forced to take action. The result is a new breed of dog warden, whose duties include preventing public areas disappearing beneath piles of dog excrement. With an estimated 7,300,000 dogs in the country, this is clearly not a matter to be taken lightly.

"It is a big problem," says Mrs Bell, aged 42, who estimates that 50 per cent of her work is concerned with dog fouling. "The dog population is on the increase and the areas where they can be exercised are becoming fewer. At the same time, more estates are being constructed with green areas which end up being used as dog toilets." Dog excrement may contain eggs of the toxocara canis worm which, when ingested by humans, can result in ailments ranging from general malaise to lung infections or blindness.

Existing by-laws make it an offence to allow dogs to foul most footpaths but it is up to local authorities to enforce the legislation. Under the proposed Environmental Protection Bill, due to come into effect later this year, they will be given statutory responsibility to keep their public areas clean of litter — including dog mess.

About half of Britain's 421 local authorities already employ dog wardens, all with varying powers, pay and conditions. One of the most progressive is Westminster City Council which this week successfully prosecuted a dog owner under a recently introduced Removal of Canine Faeces by-law, which demands that owners clean up after their dogs.

In his defence the accused dog-owner, Souter Harris, a television

advertising producer, claimed that his bull-terrier was suffering from a stomach upset and that the pooper scooper proffered by the council's "multi-purpose inspector" who witnessed the event was therefore unsuitable. Counsel for the council responded by producing a snapshot of the evidence, showing it to be a healthy and solid example of its kind. Mr Harris was fined £20, a derisory sum according to Donna Clarke, policy assistant to the chairman of Westminster's environment committee. The maximum fine for the offence is £100.

Westminster's inspectors are responsible for enforcing legislation on the council's 220 miles of pavement, including illegal street trading and the litter and dog fouling laws. There are 60 inspectors, 10 of them in the Zip team (Zone Improvement Patrol). They carry out "blitzes" on specific areas such as St John's Wood, where dog fouling is a particular problem. A recent stakeout by inspectors in Alma Square resulted in three dog owners being accosted and offered pooper scoopers. All of whom took them and cleaned up the dog mess. Since the by-law was introduced in February 1989, 1,000 dog owners have been approached by the Zip team and all, apart from Mr Harris, obediently cleaned up the excrement or kicked it into the gutter, which is allowed.

As well as selling disposable cardboard pooper scoopers (ten for £1), advising owners not to kiss their dogs and running a dog owners' club, Westminster also assures its dog owners that "almost any dog (adult or puppy) can be trained to use the gutter".

The city of Bradford, which regards itself as being at the forefront of the campaign to clean up the problem, has had dog wardens since 1978 and currently has a team of five to sort out the problems of the 50,000 dogs in the area. The senior warden, Terry Singh, aged 37, believes that the council's success in promoting public awareness can be measured by the fact that they now get more than 5,600 complaints a year compared with 775 in 1978. The council has just bought 2,000 biodegradable plastic pooper scoopers complete with "hygienic" gloves to be handed out to the public.

While some parks already provide special areas of sand to be used as dog lavatories, Wibsey Park in Bradford has just completed a 12-month pilot scheme to encourage dog owners to scoop up their dogs' dirt and put it in the 15 bins provided. The result has been a 90 per cent improvement.

Barrie Tinker, Bradford's senior manager of outdoor amenities, estimates that the scheme has reduced dog fouling in the park by about 90 per cent.

SALLY BROMPTON

## Sir John would have been proud



Pomp and circumstance: the exchange as it was in the affluent 1920s

### Changing face

By the early 1980s, Leeds Corn Exchange, once admired by Sir John Betjeman, and a place of pilgrimage for students of architecture from around the globe, was nearing the terminal stages of decay. The Grade I listed building had had to suffer the indignity of having snow swept from its once-bustling trading floor, and a nightclub had been installed in its basement. The proud commercial hub of the city had become an embarrassment. Like much of the third largest city in England it survived intact the assaults of the Luftwaffe, only to be forsaken by postwar planners and allowed to run into genteel decline in the Sixties. Leeds' claim to be "the motorway city of the Seventies" seemed but the hollow boast of an over-enthusiastic public relations initiative.

All this is now firmly in the past. In the Eighties Leeds emerged with one of the highest growth rates in the country. "We weathered the recession and are now on the up, but what we have lacked are the shops and entertainment to match our prosperity," said a spokesman for Leeds' Labour-controlled city council.

Four years ago the potential for the vast amphitheatre of a building at the bottom of Duncan Street was recognised by David Houghton, a chartered surveyor by training who admits to getting "a real thrill" out of seeing neglected buildings brought back to life. Speciality Shops, the company of which he is chairman, runs five shopping centres in locations as far apart as Edinburgh and Maidstone, the majority based around old buildings.

Mr Taylor's first encounter with the residents of the Corn Exchange occupants was not encouraging. He was refused entry to the nightclub on the grounds that he was over-dressed. The city fathers were more welcoming and Speciality Shops now has a 125-year lease from the council on what it hopes will become the focal point of a revitalised city centre. "You can create a satisfactory shopping centre in a new building, but it is more difficult to create a shopping and entertainment centre, which is what we had in mind for the Corn Exchange. With an established building there is a greater degree of acceptance," he maintains.

Transforming the Corn Exchange has meant overcoming a unique set of problems. The building was designed by local architect Cuthbert Brodrick and opened in 1862. The central hall is 76ft high and 170ft long. The elliptical dome with which it is crowned was designed to allow light, as Sir John Betjeman first pointed out, to enter both from

above and from the north, so that it was diffused, and enabled the corn to be examined without shadows. English Heritage took an interest in every stage of the £4 million renovation.

Protracted negotiations were necessary before London architects William Alsop and John Lyall were permitted to remove a section of the trading floor to open up the basement, and to introduce two new staircases leading to the building's internal balcony which had once housed merchants' offices.

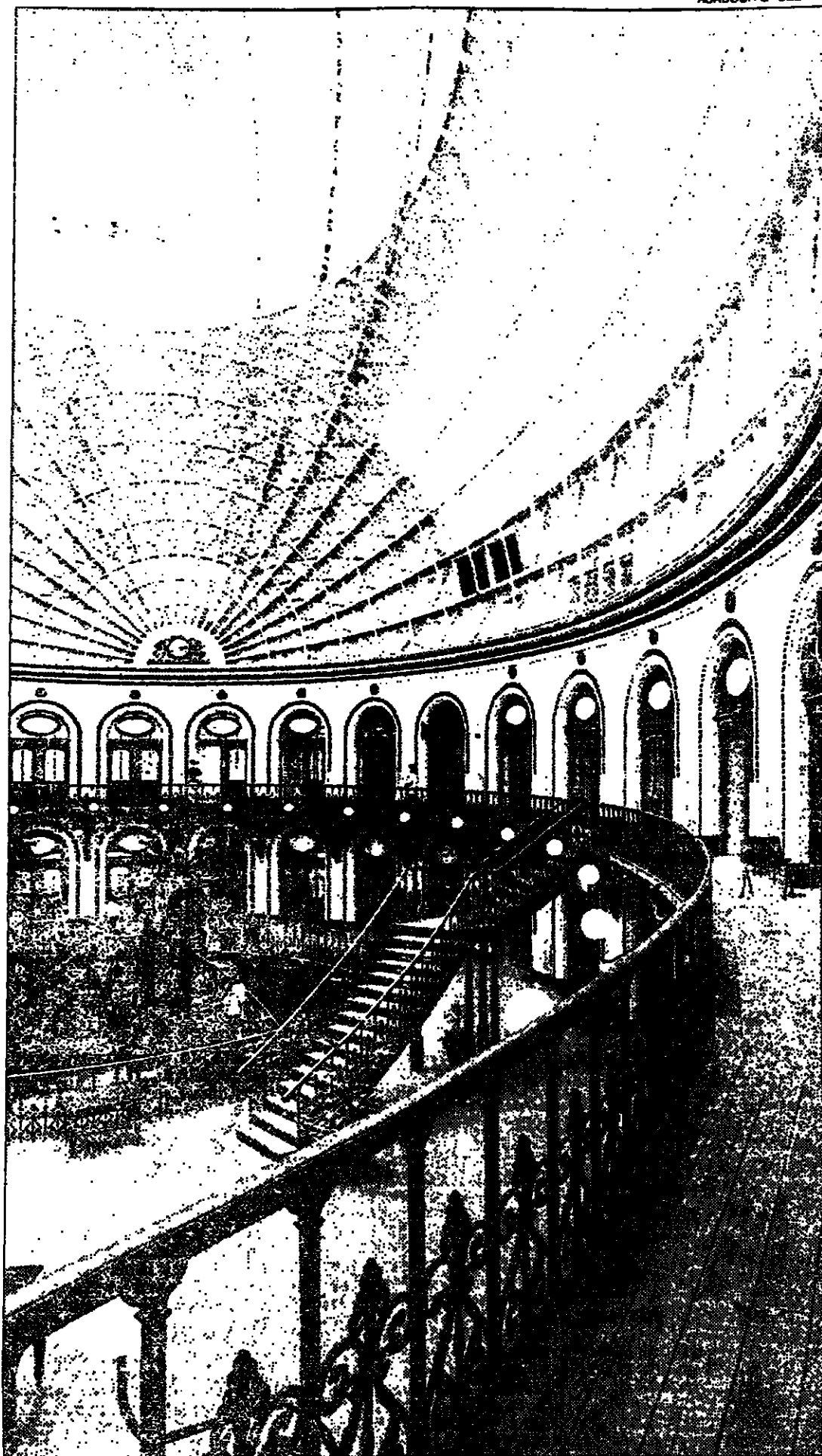
Then there were the corn traders themselves. Their right to hold a market every Tuesday is enshrined in complex bye-laws (the Corn Exchange must be the only shopping centre in Britain where, technically at least, shoppers are not permitted to loiter). Even now a section of the hall is cleared once a week so that corn trading can take place.

The overall intention of the Speciality Shops scheme, of which the Corn Exchange is stage one, is to shift the whole emphasis of the city further south. Eventually a new footbridge will be built across the nearby River Aire and a five acre site, including the 18th century White Cloth Hall, will be renovated to include not only shops, but offices and studios.

With low rents — one-third the cost per square foot of the high street stores 50 yards away — the development is designed to attract small, but growing, businesses. Following talks with a local art college, a number of units have already been allocated to young designers and a craftsman co-operative is to take up residence.

Although the official opening is not until October some three quarters of the 35 units have already been let. A key element of Mr Houghton's strategy is to establish eating places early, in order to draw in shoppers. With potted palms and ample foliage it is hoped that the effect will be that of a 19th century conservatory.

ROBERT DUNKLEY

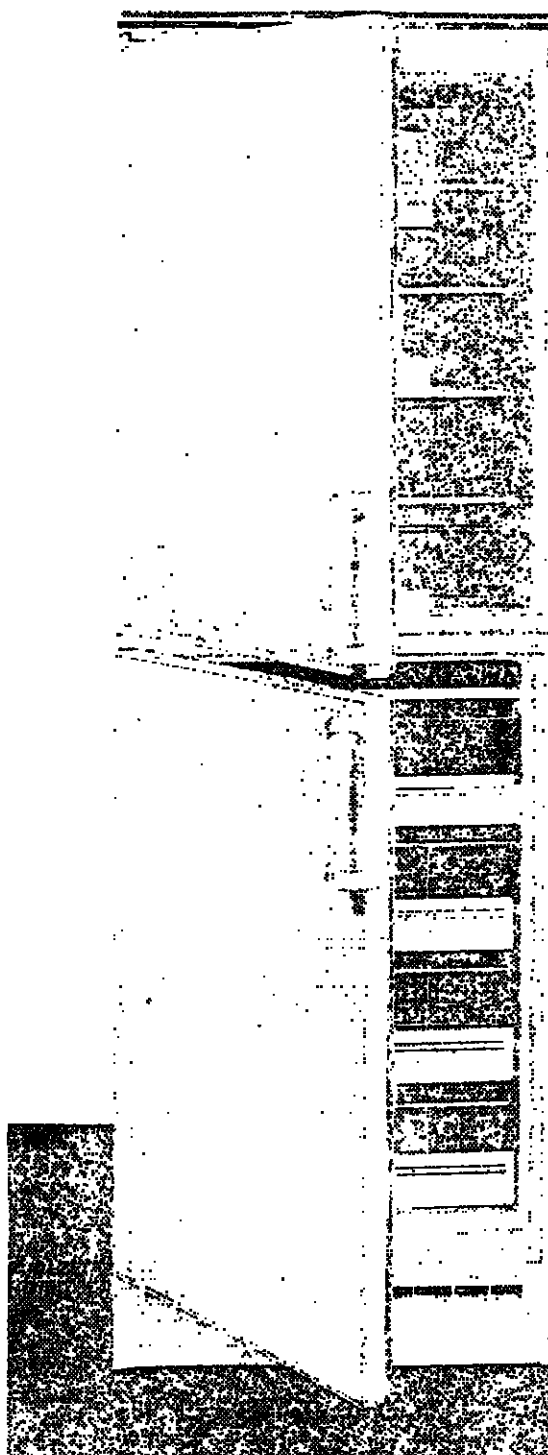


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## WEEKENDING

JULIE WELCH



WE have been on first name terms from the start. "Hi, I'm Archie; this is my wife Jane, and that's our baby Matilda." Jane is brandishing the pink bundle that is the reason they have been on our doorstep for the past four weekends. They need a bigger house and, God willing, ours is the bigger house they need.

We have been trying to move for more than two years. No lazy summer Sundays flaked out in the garden for us. We spend our weekends scrubbing and wiping and tidying and concealing so people can whisk around our house in ten minutes flat and decide it is not what they want. In our household they are known as Wofers, because they are a Waste Of Effing Time.

When we began, estate agencies thrived with energy and optimism. Now it must be like working in an Albanian department store, only not so devil-may-care. Those bullish young negotiators who roared up in bright red Porsches are now twitchy old men wearing last year's Next. The two who came to value our place shuffled around gloomily. They would have hit the right note if there had been a massacre in the family, but as it was we could have done with a bit more passion. "Better make a list of what's on the inside," said one to the other. "because sure as eggs we won't sell it on the outside."

I have been walking around the outside of our house ever since, wondering what he meant. Is there something I missed? A six-lane motorway? Killer sharks? However, it is not all doom and despondency. We are getting to know Archie and Jane quite well. They are a sweet, warm, hard-working couple with a beautiful baby, which is just as well because no weekend goes by without them taking one more look at our Hand-Crafted Kitchen or Extremely Peaceful Walled Garden. Impulse buyers they are not. On their third visit, they brought Archie's mother. Visit four, and it was time to meet Jane's father.

"You'd think they were marrying into our family, not buying our flipping house," I observed to a friend. She was unimpressed. "Only four visits?" she said derisively. "Can't be very interested. We looked round our house ten times before we decided we couldn't live without it." Ten times? Which relation will Archie and Jane be bringing to meet us by then — the long-lost great-uncle believed to have gone down with the Titanic? The trouble is, buyers are no longer the suckers they were. When I think of the power I had when I was selling my little des res in south London six years ago; one couple was so desperate they dropped a note through the door. "We can't afford your asking price but we love your house and we would really look after it." Ho, you would, would you? Listen, I don't much care if people use the Original Victorian Shutters for firewood and hold satanic ceremonies in the living-room, as long as the money is right.

These days buyers are cynics. Forget all those little stratagems you're told to get up to such as filling the house with the smell of freshly ground coffee or newly baked bread. "Oh, you read that article too, did you?" they say, homing in on the damp patch under the front window as if there were a big arrow over it saying: "Knock £10,000 off the asking price here."

If only our house did smell of

freshly ground coffee. I do not know how she knows when something is afoot, but the moment potential buyers walk in the door, our cat saunters to the litter tray and fills the entire ground floor with the most appalling pong. At one stage it was even more hazardous than that.

By far the worst buyers are the ones paying cash. They have the humility of armoured tanks. A woman of 25 pranced into my house announcing that Daddy was giving her the money. She sent in a surveyor whose face set in a sneer as he crossed the threshold. "I say, did you know you had serious subsidence?" "I say, did you know you had a tree growing in your roof?" What I should have replied was: "I say, did you know I suffer from paranoid delusions that I'm being persecuted by chartered surveyors and this is the sub-machinegun I keep in my desk?" She backed out because I would not move out in two weeks.

I wonder if potential buyers actually read the estate agents' details. The description of our place seems fairly straightforward: terraced house on four floors. One would think "four floors" would be the giveaway. Not likely to be a bungalow is it? But no, a ring on the doorknob and there they stand with carriage frames, plaster-encased legs, walking frames. Afterwards the estate agent phones. "They loved the house, but there were too many stairs." What do these people think, that we abscond down the walls to breakfast?

The estate agent's blurb waxes eloquent about our Four Good-Sized Bedrooms, but does not say anything important, such as how we live in the last place in London where the milkman knows everyone by name, and how one's friends are so close that during a tearful phone call the other person just runs across the road to offer gin and sympathy. And it is the house I was married from and which I came back to from the hospital with my day-old babies. I don't think I can bear to leave it. How will I tell Archie and Jane?







## WEEKEND LIVING: OUT OF TOWN

Farmer's Diary: Paul Heiney

## Now showing: thistle down the wind

MY FARMING week started far from home, in the bleak Norfolk Fens: a low-lying, fertile tract of land where the wind always blows chill. It must be a lovely life for a Fenland farmer: impassable drainage ditches make every man an island, and neighbouring farms can be miles apart via the nearest bridge. I have always imagined Fenlanders as being dour and remote.

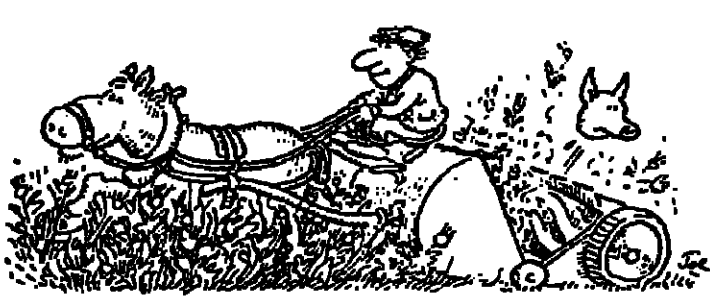
My host was an amiable sort, however, not at all deranged by his isolated existence in a bungalow built into the breach of an old sea-wall. A few miles to the north were the swirling waters of the Wash, and the constant hum of pumps suggested that we were some feet below sea-level. I avoided mentioning the greenhouse effect.

We had a cup of tea and, just as I was reproaching myself for thinking Fenlanders any different from the rest of us, he picked up an aged carving knife, held it a couple of inches from my nose until the steel was too close to focus on and, with his eyes wide, said: "This was my father's. He used this to kill pigs. Kill pigs!" Then he pretended to slash his throat, impersonating the

bark of a dying swine as the steel flashed across his neck. I finished my tea, hurriedly.

I had done my deal and secured my treasure: a horse-drawn swath turner, which I towed home to Suffolk rejoicing. This machine flips heaps of newly mown grass so that it can dry in the sun and become hay. I have long coveted a machine I once saw which did this wonderfully: it had a series of mechanical flippers which kicked the hay high in the sky as the horse walked along, and resembled a robot attempting the Charleston. The machine I had just bought was more dour and Fen-like in its action, but just as effective.

I arrived home to be told by my wife that she had managed to spend 20 minutes lost in the middle of a three-acre field. This is quite an achievement, and so, with some curiosity, I followed her insistent directions. They led to a



patch of land which has had a question mark over it: some of our land is still carrying the crops of the previous owner and I thought he was tending this field, while he believed that I was. The result is that nature seized her opportunity: the weeds have thrived on last year's nitrogen residues, and we have stalks of mayweed and thistles that reach higher than a killed Scotsman would find comfortable.

I stood wonderingly in this lost world, then came a puff of wind through the jungle. From each of the thousands of thistles drifted a handful of fluffy, innocent-looking thistle-down. I froze. A million seeds had just taken to the air, and away with them had drifted our hopes of a weed-free farm next year. Without chemicals, organic farmers have to give each weed personal attention.

Watching the thistle-down in

flight, it was as if I had just seen the entire crowd at Wembley Stadium rise, and knew that next spring I would have to shake hands with each of them.

One skirmish with weeds has already been lost. You may remember that the first crop I sowed was clover, which I did while the moon was waxing, on the ancient theory that the growth of the moon encourages the budding of the crop. So it did: a good crop of clover appeared, but so did numberless weeds. We had docks, fat-hen, mayweed, poppies and yet more thistles. Despair. I announced at breakfast that I was off to kill the fat-hen and could not understand why the children's eyes filled with tears. When I explained that the victim was not our clucking, speckled friend, good humour was restored.

I need not have fretted. When I turned to yet another of my musty

textbooks I found that the invasive fat-hen weed gets rave reviews as "an indicator of high soil fertility"; that mayweed's "profusion of leaves makes a valuable contribution to soil fertility if mown", and that when the author got a similarly disastrous clover crop he simply mowed it and let the mowings lie until they rotted and fertilised the soil. Twelve months later, after a little carefully controlled grazing by cattle, he had "a field that was without superior in Britain". It seemed worth a try. If we can have no clover hay this year, we can at least have hope.

Out came the horse-drawn mower, and one man and his horses went to mow a meadow. The blade clattered through the growth, reminding me uncomfortably of the Fenlander's pig-sticking knife. I began to view the field as an exciting experiment in natural fertility, rather than a beginner's failure.

I now gaze upon my brownish field of dry stalks in certain expectation of the finest sward in all England; even the fine haze of thistle-down wafting down the hill cannot depress me. Much.

## On the wings of a dream

WHEN he was a boy, Dr Peter Player, a general practitioner, cherished a secret ambition to own a zoo. At the age of 43, his dreams have crystallised in the form of a bird park which opens at Flimwell, East Sussex, today.

Dr Player teamed up with a neighbour, Bill Stacey, to buy 14 acres of woodland for the project. The men have spent thousands of pounds creating six islands, each with its own waters, and each stocked with ornamental and exotic water fowl from Europe, Asia, Africa, America, Oceania and Australasia.

There are more than 200 birds of 35 species, plus black swans, peacocks and pheasants.

Dr Player, who was one of the first students to take degrees in ecological science at Edinburgh University in 1966, says: "Of course the patients come first. I always wanted to be a family doctor, like my father, but he too had an abiding interest in birds." From the age of 12 until he left for university, Dr Player built up a collection of around 100 ducks of 25 different varieties, which he left in his father's care. Those caretaking duties, extended while his son studied medicine, are acknowledged today with an invitation to Dr Henry Percival Player, now retired, to perform the private opening ceremony.

Dr Player Jr worked for two months in a mission hospital in the highlands of New Guinea and while there he managed to spot some of the rare Salvadori's ducks beside a raging torrent — "one of the high spots of my life", he says.

Among Flimwell's novelty items is the Magellanic Steamer duck, originally from Argentina's coast, which costs around £600 a pair. "It is flightless, large and steams away rather fast," says Dr Player. "All our birds are the product of captive breeding."

Flimwell makes its contribution to conservation by nurturing Cuban whistling ducks, which are close to extinction in the West Indies. Laysan teals, down to one mother and her brood until an American breeder saved the Pacific island variety, are also there and it is hoped some white-winged woodchuck will be on loan from the Wild Fowl Trust. Now that the bird park is a reality, Dr Player will hand it over to be run by a team headed by his sister, Valerie Frearson.

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● The park is open from 2pm today. There is an exhibition room plus a children's playground, picnic area and cafe. Situated just off the A21 on the A268, admission is £2.50 (adults), £1.75 (children and senior citizens). Inquiries to Flimwell Bird Park, Flimwell Road, Flimwell, Wadhurst, East Sussex TN3 7QP (0580-9202).

## Taking the plunge on a pool of your own

## Assets

THE greenhouse effect could be the reason for the swing back to outdoor, rather than indoor, pools, says Norman Lingham, of the Swimming Pool and Allied Trades Association. "Of the 5,000 to 6,000 pools sold in Britain last year, most were for outdoor use," he says. However, Steve Geekie, of the PG Group, which accounts for about 40 per cent of pools sold, says sales of indoor pools are also booming.

Many home owners are installing DIY pools, a much less expensive option. Penguin Pools, for example, offers a kit from £4,000, plus VAT. A similar pool installed by the company costs from £12,000.

Anyone still at the planning stage might consider a tailor-made indoor pool. As well as being able to use it all year round, heating bills are lower than for an outdoor pool. Most permanent structures need planning permission.

If the budget will not stretch to an indoor pool, consider a covered outdoor pool. The most elegant cover is a conservatory with glass or PVC panels.

Pool Pavilions offers the conservatory-style Palladian with glazed panels (from £25,343, plus VAT for a 10m x 6m building), and the Pallas, which has a double-skinned roof with sliding panels (from £10,567, plus VAT, for a 5.7m x 5m structure). Graceful alternatives are Ardep's conservatory-style structures. The Monaco and the Carlton have functional, clean lines, and the airy Victorian offers a variety of decorative features. Each has a twin-wall polycarbonate roof and toughened glass sides. Prices start from £27,200, £29,700 and £30,600, respectively, plus VAT, for a 20ft 6in x 36ft structure.

An indoor-outdoor option is created by Lanzare's Oxford enclosure, which is telescopic, allowing one or more sections of PVC glazing panels to be rolled back. This arched aluminium structure costs from £13,800, plus VAT, for a 7.5m x 6m building. Another, less expensive possibility is a lightweight, see-through, inflatable dome, which can be pumped up like an air-bed. The

heavy-duty polythene domes made by Covair Structures take two people about an hour-and-a-half to erect. There are five sizes and prices start at £1,196, including VAT, to cover a 40ft x 20ft pool, plus £170 delivery.

Similar domes are made in vinyl by Lanzare. The Deluxe Pool Dome offers at least 6ft headroom over the whole area, while the Low Profile Pool Dome suits smaller gardens. The Cable, with anchor bolts for greater security, is £1,850. Other models start at £1,898, plus VAT, for a 28ft x 16ft model. Delivery and installation charges are extra.

Owners of open-air pools looking for a way to avoid debris in winter might consider Allen Plastics' Easibag winter cover. This vinyl sheet, secured by the weight of separate water bags, costs from £210, plus VAT and delivery, for a 20ft x 10ft cover.

A filtration unit is essential for keeping the water clean. But it is also wise to buy a surface skimmer to collect leaves, equipment to keep the sides, bottom and surrounds clean, and water-treatment chemicals for disinfecting the water and killing algae.

Shallow nets are useful for gathering surface detritus, and deeper nets for reaching the bottom. Underwater vacuum cleaners take about an hour to clean an average-size pool and need to be used weekly, or more frequently in windy weather.

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● The Swimming Pool and Allied Trades Association runs a telephone enquiry service and publishes leaflets. Spota House, Junction Road, Andover, Hampshire (0264 23545).

● POOLS AND COVERS: Penguin Swimming Pools, Bakers Lane, Galleyswood, Chelmsford, Essex (0277 840711). Pool Pavilion Products, Unit 2, West Ham Lane, Moniton Industrial Estate, Worthing Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire (0256 473552). Lanzare, Unit 7, Oakfield Industrial Estate, Eynsham, Oxfordshire (0865 883727). Ardep, 1 Greenforge Way, Cwmbran, Gwent (0633 872134). Covair Structures, Unit 7, Venture Court, Dodswell Bridge Industrial Estate, Hinckley, Leicestershire (0455 619101). Allen Plastics, 1 Edson Road, Churchfields Industrial Estate, Salisbury, Wiltshire (0722 28873).

● CLEANERS: Ameson Pool Sweep, Ray-Vac and Aquanaut, Norcal Engineering, 16, 17 & 18 Pelham Court, Broadfield, Crawley, West Sussex (0293 546126). Polaris, Aquatreat UK, Unit 1D, Kennetside, Bone Lane, Newbury, Berkshire (0635 49141). Barracuda Manta and Dolphin, the PG Group, Unit 9, Witan Park, Avenue 2, Station Lane Industrial Estate, Witney, Oxfordshire (0963 778885). Kreepy Krutty, Unipools, 621 Watford Way, London NW7 (081-959 8888).

Originals: Sean Feeney, furniture designer

## Intricacies of plane speaking

SEAN Feeney is a furniture designer and maker of such fertile imagination that he could turn Holst's *The Planets* into a bedroom suite for Patrick Moore. One client he recently accommodated wished to wake each day to see the sun's rays streaming across the bedroom furniture, so, using inlays, the sun was made to rise on one bedside table before bursting across the bedhead and setting on the other table.

"Nothing a customer might ask for surprises me," Mr Feeney says. He is a man who understands the need for a secret drawer in a dressing table — and a decoy drawer baited with second-best jewellery.

At the old village school house in Preston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, Mr Feeney answers the door wearing a long, white apron. He gives visitors a moment to rock on their heels, dazed by sudden smells of sweet timber.

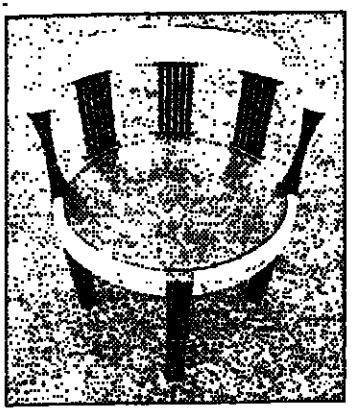
What is he making now? A photograph frame. But no ordinary frame: large, and designed to look like a Georgian house, it might not look out of place in the National Gallery. The frame's kaleidoscope of marquetry will pick out building features, keystones and shadowing in a variety of woods ranging from ebony, oak and Swiss pear through to dark red madrona. Family photographs will be viewed through 7in by 5in windows in the house frontage.

Mr Feeney, aged 34, has been designing and making fine furniture for about five years. After a college course in cabinet-making, he worked as a pattern-maker, producing detailed, industrialised prototypes for a design consultancy. Deciding he was more comfortable with furniture, he started restoring antiques and doing reconstruction work.

"It was very low-key to begin with, mainly by word of mouth," Mr Feeney says. "But once people had one piece, they would come back for another."



Custom-maker: Sean Feeney is never surprised by a client's wishes



Modern classic: A Feeney chair

well as using about eight different chisels, Mr Feeney uses devices such as spokeshaves for shaping chair legs.

Three pieces of Mr Feeney's work — an ash wall unit, a dining chair in hmed oak and a low table in London plane and sycamore, all costing about £650 each — will feature in the largest exhibition of individual designer-makers in wood, to be held in Cheltenham. The exhibition will also mark the publication of *British Craftsmanship in Wood* by Betty Norbury, illustrating the work of 183 craftsmen and small workshops.

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● Sean Feeney Furniture, the Old School, Preston-on-Stour, Warwickshire (0789 87519). ● *British Craftsmanship in Wood* exhibition, August 4-12, Thurstaine Long Gallery, Cheltenham College, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (details from Mike Lemmy, 0242 258542). ● *British Craftsmanship in Wood*, by Betty Norbury will be published by Stobart Davies Ltd. (T...)

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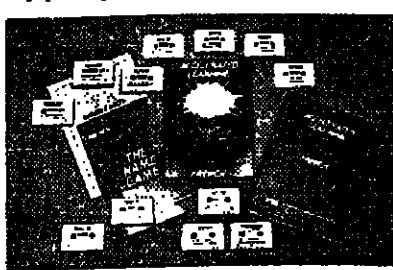
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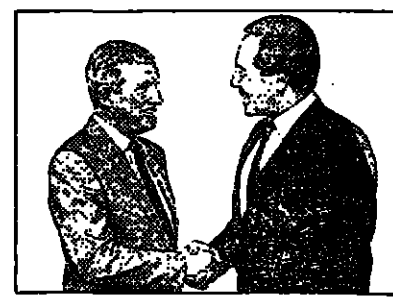
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**Twelve months ago the art market looked in good shape. Now, as Sarah Jane Checkland reports, prices are haywire and all is confusion. What lessons have been learnt?**



A more frightening aspect of the market's flipside is the boom in art theft, often from museums, and involving increasing risk to paintings and people. Recently a number of Van Goghs have been stolen from Dutch museums; there has been a spate of thefts in London's West End, culminating last week with the ramming of Asprey's shop window and the removal of a £742,500 diamond necklace.

Another running debate has been the extent to which auctioneers should be liable for the contributions they put in their catalogues. The year has been punctuated by two court cases



**Stolen: empty frames are all that remains of 16 Old Master paintings from the Alfred Beit collection**

The archaeological community refused to accept that it just appeared from nowhere. Claims

The year was marked with the usual number of heritage triumphs and failures. Sotheby's became the conduit through which the scarlet plaid kilt and tartan underpants of Queen Victoria's gillie, John Brown, went to the Scottish tartan museum in Tayside for £10,120.

One thing is certain: the next instalment will defy expectation. That is what makes the art market such an enjoyable spectator sport.

**A lake of wine at Sotheby's end of season sale.** Includes some quality claret (nine bottles of Chateau Lafite 1914 estimated at £900 to £1,200) and the private cellar of a retired Belgian wine merchant featuring a selection of Bordeaux and Burgundy from the 1950s and 1960s.



THURSDAY July 26

FRIDAY July 27

**Sotheby's**, 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-493 8080); **Sotheby's Sussex**, Summers Place, Billingshurst, West Sussex (0403-783933); **Christie's**, 8 King Street, London SW1 (071-839 9060) and 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (071-581 7611); **Phillips**, 101 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-629 6602). **Manorial Auctioneers' Partnership Stationers' Hall**, Ave Maria Lane, Redgate Hill, London EC4 (0753-630100). **Ebomsbury book auctions**, 3/4 Hardwick St, London EC 1R (071-833 2636). **Coy's of Kensington**, 2/4 Queens Gate Mews, London SW7 (071-584 74444).

# Royal progress in china



**A lifetime remembered: some of the items collected by Herbert Ward to be sold by Bonhams**

First comes a fine English delft charger showing James II on horseback (estimate £5,000). Last is a small china mug marking the Queen Mother's eightieth birthday a decade ago (estimate £50 to £70). In between come all the plump Georges and their consorts,

Cynical propaganda plates are rare and valuable. Good examples are the pieces issued around 1789 at the first bout of "Royal Madness" by George III, saying "Britons rejoice, Cheer up and Sing and drink his Health, God Save the King" (£600 to £800).

The biography-in-china was interrupted after the war when china was restricted and militarized and it is the Queen Mother's 80th and 90th birthday which has probably inspired most of the commemorative crockery of her life.

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Surviving natively on their own celebrity: Michael Caine and Roger Moore in Thursday's gala

## Some birthday party

Sheridan Morley, at the Palladium, enjoys a multitude of stars gathered to honour the Queen Mother

FOR those of us whose recent experiences of royal variety shows have suggested that most of the acts had risen especially from the grave for the honour of being there, what happened on Thursday night at the London Palladium was something of a revelation. Mind you, with stall prices at £1,000 a ticket, it probably should have been nothing less.

In honour of the Queen Mother's imminent 90th, in the presence of herself and her two daughters and her son-in-law, and in aid of numerous charities, Sir John Gielgud (himself a mere four years his junior) introduced what he promised would be "a rather large present". There followed an immensely brisk and efficient two-and-a-half show-business hours.

We were taken on an annotated tour of the nine theatrical decades through which Her Majesty has lived, starting a little prematurely

with *The Pirates of Penzance* and working through to Wayne Sleep (the Mickey Rooney of the High Kick) in *Song and Dance*.

Along the way, with only the faintest overtones of *This is Your Life*, we heard Gielgud himself speak, quite wonderfully, the 1914 speech from *Forty Years On*, Geraldine McEwan recalling a Glamis childhood, and then of course Dame Vera Lynn, bringing the first half to a ritual second world war close. Looking up at the evident pleasure of Her Majesty in a box decked with enough flowers to subside interluders indefinitely, one suddenly saw the delighted recognition of a sister under the skin. Her Majesty and Dame Vera have after all spent large parts of not totally dissimilar lives standing on platforms waving at enormous numbers of people in uniform.

True, the evening had its own Gothic moments of cringing uneasiness: Cliff Richard, dressed in a kind of sparkling eiderdown, announcing despite all historical evidence that "Darling we are the young ones", while Michael Caine and Roger Moore desperately tried to get through a racing sketch so appallingly written that it left them to survive on nothing more than their own celebrity.

On balance, however, this was

an immaculately planned evening. There was Placido doing his Mario Lanza impersonations, Warren Mitchell doing his now definitive Doolittle from *My Fair Lady*, Simon Cadell and Patricia Hodge recalling Noel and Gertie, Sarah Brightman, in what must have been the most personally traumatic music of the night, singing Lloyd Webber, Dame Kiri doing her birthday anthem, Stephen Fry reviving a classic cabaret monologue, and Rowan Atkinson offering a new one about an Australian rabbit poisoner mysteriously invited to address royalty with his memories of Laurence Olivier.

Best of all was to see the Queen Mother cheerfully singing along with Flanagan and Allen as reincarnated quite superbly by Bernie Winters and Leslie Crowther in a routine ruined only by the mysterious appearance of lines of random television quiz hosts at its end.

All in all, however, a night of considerable triumph for the producer Louis Benjamin and his director Yvonne Littlewood. Any-one who ever again thinks of staging a royal variety show should watch this one (BBC 1, August 4) and then do something else, for it will not be easily rivalled.

THEATRE  
Games  
Gate, Notting Hill

IVAN Klima is Czech; for 20 years his novels have remained unpublished and his plays unperformed. A poignant note reprinted from the programme of the 1975 premiere of this play, in Vienna, reads: "I would like to see the play staged... If I count correctly, then *Games* is the fifth play of mine that I am not allowed to see."

A country scared of allowing its writers the freedom to show their works damages itself thereby; it

can also harm the writers. And while the events after 1968 do not seem to have stopped Klima writing clear, economical novels, his inability to see any of his plays in production has affected his skill in making them work as drama.

I have only this play as evidence, since its production by the newly-formed Midnight Theatre Company is the British premiere of Klima's work. But *Games* shows that unless an author hears in rehearsal how wordy his speeches sound, he will not rewrite them for a performance. Too often the characters interrupt the menacing games they are playing to make known their views on liberty and justice - issues vital to a people labouring under

tyranny, but hardly functionally dramatic.

When John Moreno, playing an empty-headed nihilist, makes politically sharp remarks about the police, these are integral to the unfolding plot. But this is exceptional. More typical are the scenes in which seven characters sit reading, wriggling or twitching their fingers while the eighth specifies. It is not a good recipe for involving an audience.

The play also shows that the presence of six loaded pistols and a rifle repeatedly aimed at characters is no guarantee that any of them will end up with a bullet between the eyes. Chekhov remarked that it is wrong to bring on a gun in Act I if it is not to be fired

by Act IV: Klima's variation is to bring on the gun but use a hangman's noose instead.

The eight acquaintances gather in a judge's home to play charades, murder and finally executions. It is hard to know when these games are played for real, or why, though Michael Medwin's deceptively bland entrepreneur often seems to be on the point of clarifying the matter for us, and Bill Britten's intense sociologist (a clever performance) occasionally begins to do so. When there is activity, Derek Wax's production generates a good swirl of movement on the small stage: when there is specifying, the evening drags.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Ivan Vasilevich  
Battersea Arts Centre

THE Company of Clerks' production of *Ivan Vasilevich* may not exert quite the same box office magnetism as Michael J. Fox in *Back to the Future III*, but this time-travel play by Mikhail Bulgakov undoubtedly has its charms. Though its twists of plot now seem commonplace, there is no lack of ingenuity and fizz.

A programme note claims that the play, written at the height of Stalin's power, "represents an fantasy escape from persecution, echoing Bulgakov's own fight against state and artistic repression." Sadly, Guy Retallack's direction brings out only the fantasy and the comedy tends towards the anodyne.

The action falls neatly into two halves. In the first, the statutory mad professor dreams up an unpredictable Tardis, a C.S. Lewis-style wardrobe, which transports Ivan the Terrible into the present (ie the 1930s). The resulting mayhem is delightful, as noble savage meets troubled civilisation. Andrew Williams's spirited Ivan is a pouting gumbler, with his lugubrious, sorrowful air, this Tsar might easily get the part of Eeyore in the next remake of *Winnie the Pooh*.

In the second half, two men from the present are whisked back into the throne room of the absent Ivan (still trapped in a foreign world of art deco and bakelite) and attempt to impersonate the mighty ruler. The deception is firmly in the tradition of *The Government Inspector*, but lacks the multi-faceted dramatic ironies

of that play, or indeed of the first half of this one. The problems of mistaken identity begin to pale after the interval.

Retallack's stylised approach would be fine if it were coherent, but in playing up the superficiality of the play, he merely emphasises its rough, pock-marked surface. Suspension of disbelief becomes harder to sustain, and though the acting of this large cast is full of energy, it tends to lack the expansiveness that would convincingly bridge the cast/audience divide. Penny Dimond's doll-like flapper is a notable exception. Frequent clumsiness and comic possibilities falling by the wayside suggest that the play is under-rehearsed. It is fun, certainly, but Bulgakov deserves better on the 50th anniversary of his death.

MICHAEL WRIGHT

Penny Dimond and Andrew Williams in *Ivan Vasilevich*

## Roaring Forties

In Paris, Diane Hill has mixed feelings about Jérôme Savary's new musical, *Zazou*

baptised Zazou and is seduced by the handsome Jean.

Exiled by her parents to the country, Zazou discovers she is pregnant. When she returns to Paris to tell Jean he is a father, Zazou learns he is doing forced labour on a German farm. Jean's duties eventually include bedding the farmer's wife. The Americans liberate Paris, and Zazou (a single parent in a *chambre de bonne*) finds light relief in the arms of a passing GI called Dizzy (convincingly played by Allen Hoist).

From then on, the unpalatable flavour of the scenario takes on an unsavoury taste with Zazou working as a hat-check girl in the Tabou Club, and Jean celebrating peace with his *milchkuh*. The years pass, as *zazou* does in musicals, with a song and a dance, until a contrived piece of mis-timing has Jean arriving at the Tabou to find Dizzy, Zazou and his five-year-old son dancing on the tables. Scandalised, Jean flees and joins

the Foreign Legion, only to be killed in action (a nauseating tear-jerker of a scene), leaving Zazou, abandoned by Dizzy, to dance alone, mystically at midnight on the sands of Saint Tropez.

This naïve and seedy dramatic framework is crudely clad in an unharmonious pot-pourri of songs of the era and about a dozen fumble-footed dance routines. Michel Dussaut's costumes are Zazou-zany, but like Jean Moussy's choreography, they lack the visual cohesion that crafts a string of song-and-dance acts into what today's glitz-wise audiences expect from a musical.

Savary also puts his name to the *scenographie*, so the impoverished-looking cardboard cut-out sets are either of his design or the result of a subsidy that ran out earlier: than anticipated in a season that opened flush with francs. The economy-size cast also have a hard time filling the Chailloir's generous main stage, especially

the six-strong chorus, whose youthful energy is no substitute for the polish of well-honed choreography. Only Oswald d'Andrea's musical direction escapes the overall tackiness.

With the capitals of the world alive to the sound of musicals, Savary - who recently successfully introduced a topless chorus-line into Molière's *Bourgeois Gentilhomme* - was obviously hoping that *Zazou* would be an international hit. Where Savary does excel is, as he is fond of saying, "not casting stars but making them."

It was his French production of *Cabaret* that gave German-born Ute Lemper the springboard from which to launch herself into orbit and her own show. Portuguese-born Maria de Madsiros does not have Lemper's length of leg but she readily puts the required kick into the role of Zazou, tailoring the shoddy material into a theatrical suit of clothes worthy of an Emperor. Since the doll-like de Madsiros came to France in 1984 to complete her theatrical studies, she has been steeped in the classical repertoire. *Zazou* reveals she can sing and dance as well as act.

After the usual summer break, *Zazou* reopens on September 7.

## ROCK: NEW YORK

## Right-on rebels

Steve Turner on shades of radicalism at the annual New Music Seminar

There was one hot music style and one hot issue this year's New Music Seminar, which ended on Wednesday night in Manhattan. The music was rap and the issue was freedom of expression.

The two collided last month when a rap quartet called 2 Live Crew, who played a closing night concert for the seminar, had their album, *Nasty As They Wanna Be*, declared obscene and illegal in three counties of Florida. Four days later, two members of the group were arrested for performing songs from the album. Earlier, a record store clerk was arrested after selling the album to an 11-year-old, and charged with "selling harmful material to a minor".

This was all exciting stuff for the 8,000 New Music Seminar delegates. It supplied the sort of *frisson* which alternative music thrives on. "Rock 'n' roll finally has a cause," declared the rock star Laurie Anderson in an address. "Artists have become the new communists."

The seminar, which started in 1980 with 200 delegates in a

rehearsal studio, is the alternative to such mainstream affairs as the Grammy award ceremony and Midem. Its commitment is to alternative music and independent labels, and it boasts that it has its ear to the ground, while major record companies, usually dismissed as "guys in suits", have their heads in the sand.

Yet it is never as simple as that. While executive director Mark Josephson talked of the "fringe radicals" attending the seminar, his colleague, Tom Silverman, encouraged delegates to see themselves as "tomorrow's mainstream". It is well known, for instance, that in 1982 Madonna attended the seminar to sell her demo tape.

In the discussions there was persistent moaning. No one thought their form of music received enough serious media attention. In other words, being radical and producing alternative music is only a route towards commercial acceptance.

Independent record companies are aware that since Sun Records of Memphis discovered Elvis Presley and



Laurie Anderson: "Artists are the new communists"

sold him to RCA, they have been the talent scouts of the rock industry. "Because we are smaller, we can move more quickly," said Moira Lynch, president of Tommy Boy Records. Rap perfectly suits the spirit of the seminar. It is urban, do-it-yourself music which upsets conservatives and is usually independently produced. In the exhibition area, a temporary "rapateria" had been set up, with a mock subway set, where rappers did floor-spots all afternoon to packed audiences. One rapper, Ice Cube, sold 900,000 albums without the benefit of airplay or a video. Others make up their own cassettes and sell them on the streets.

Rappers interpret the arrest of 2 Live Crew and the practice of sticking warning labels on albums as part of a plot by middle-class whites to stop their children from empathising with black Americans. "Rap is the most powerful joining music. That's why they want to shut it down," said the rapper, Ice T.

While the theme set by the keynote speakers was freedom of expression, the theme of New Music Nights, in which more than 400 acts performed in venues all over Manhattan, was "A Global Affair". Special club nights were given over to music from Spain, Brazil, Zaire, Ireland, Germany, the Soviet Union, Italy, the Netherlands, north Africa and the Caribbean. Although there were more than 400 British delegates, there was no British night, the closest thing to it being Manchester's take-over of the Sound Factory, where the groups Happy Mondays and Northside played, supported by disc jockeys from the Hacienda club.

Appropriately, the opening night party introduced Mano Negra, with their energetic world-music mix, and Urban Dance Squad, a rap-based band from Amsterdam, with a black Dutch singer, an American drummer and a Japanese guitarist.

There seemed to be an unspoken acceptance that, just as in politics, America no longer dominates the world of music. The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe could provide a new market for rock, but will they want to buy the likes of Bruce Springsteen and Michael Jackson?

"We are now participants, rather than dictators of popular culture," concluded Mark Josephson in his address. "We need to make it a two-way traffic across the Atlantic and across the Pacific, rather than the one-way traffic it has been."

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6.45 Open University: Culture and Community. Span 7.10 Shooting the Moon 7.35 Ceramics under Stress 8.00 Physics: Swimming in Fish 8.25 Maths: Partial Differentiation

8.55 Playdays (r)

9.15 Morning Worship on the quayside at Christchurch, Dorset

10.00 Bugs Bunny's Year (r)

10.10 Film: Stage Together (1983) starring Jill Schoeller. The story of an 18-year-old's struggle to retain custody of his younger brother and sister in suburban Los Angeles after the children's widowed mother dies. Based on the real-life experiences of the film's writer and producer, Chris Loughlin. Directed by Jerry Thorpe

11.55 Popeye's Premiere (r)

12.05 Sign Extra: Someone Like Me. A profile of singer/producer Don Sullivan in which he talks about his life with sign language

12.30 Country File. John Craven considers the effects of the environment of building golf courses in the country

12.55 Weather. Wales: Farming in Wales

1.00 News with Morna Stuart followed by Speaking Volumes. A new 10-part series edited by P. D. James in which guests discuss their latest paperbacks and, sometimes, hardbacks. Today's guests are Carlo Gebler, Joan Smith and Peter Tinnwood and among the books reviewed are Colin Dexter's *The Wench is Dead and Fiddled* by Hilary Mantel

1.45 The Pink Panther Show (r)

2.00 EastEnders (r). (Coefax)

3.00 Film: Tim (1979) starring Mel Gibson and Piper Laurie. In marked contrast to the gloomy *Mad Max*, which Mel Gibson made in the same year this is the story of a young man, mentally retarded, who has a romance with an American businesswoman nearly twice his age. The film is based on the novel by Thom Brown. Co-written and directed by Michael Pate

4.45 Tom and Jerry. Cartoon

4.55 European Special Olympics Summer Games 1990. Kirsty Wark introduces the highlights of the Commonwealth Games, which are being held at Celtic Park, Glasgow, attended by the Duke of Edinburgh. Nearly 2,500 handicapped athletes will parade in the stadium, alongside stars including Patti Austin, Les Standfield, Don Johnson and Wet Wet Wet

5.55 Head over Heels. Lucy Pilkington and Susan Rae investigate whether the House of Commons is a fit place for a woman. With help from Mica Claire Short, Emma Nicholson and Sir Geoffrey Howe

6.25 News and weather

6.40 Festival. Bill Oddie visits Leeds's first multicultural festival (Coefax)

7.15 All Creatures Great and Small. Move from the vet's deal much with human troubles as with those of animals. James encounters two brothers who have not spoken for 50 years. Now one reckons the other has poisoned his rabbits (r). (Coefax)

8.05 Blackadder III link and the danger that British history according to *Blackadder* will be swallowed by youngsters as the authorised version. Schools will have some adjustments to make in impressionable minds, and not only during history lessons. In tonight's instalment, there is a strong literary flavour and English teachers should be warned that the redoubtable Mrs Miggins (who was somehow or other pushed over by historians, and whose pee she is) is frequented by the coffee set of Byron, Shelley and Coleridge, will put in an appearance. So, inevitably, will Dr Johnson, trying very hard not to look and sound like Robbie Coltrane, but not succeeding. And *Blackadder*? Under the name of Gertrude Pevensie, he is writing his magnum opus *Edmund: A Butler's Tale*. Literary historians appear to have missed this one. Let *Blackadder*?

8.35 Film: Made (1985) starring Glenn Close, Mandy Patinkin and Ruth Gordon. Light-hearted tale of a young actress and dancer who dies in a car crash when on the verge of stardom. Years later, and from the afterlife, she plans the come-back to end all come-backs, with the unwilling help of a young couple who uncover her story. Directed by Paul Verhoeven. (Coefax)

10.10 News with Michael Buerk. Weather

10.20 Heart of the Matter: Deliver Us from Evil. Joan Bakewell investigates ritual child abuse, the evidence for which, one Nottingham social worker believes, is becoming increasingly hard to ignore

11.00 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd. More odd-ball American humour with real estate agent Molly Dodd and her over-active subtitle writer

11.25 You and Me. Health care is in focus tonight on the show asking what the effects of closer European integration will be. With Alan Watson and Dick Taverne

12.00 Mahabharat. Episode 15 (r)

12.40am Weather

12.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00 Loads More Magic and Magic (r). (Coefax)

7.30 Once upon a Time... A new animated adventure from the human body 8.00 Early Bird 8.25 David the Gnome 8.55 Ramona

9.25 Movie Mahal. The second programme on Mohammed Rafi, the Indian playback singer (r)

10.00 A Week in Politics includes an interview with the arts minister Richard Luce, plus Ken Warren, chairman of the select committee for trade and industry, discussing the report on the Rover sell-off of the BAE

11.00 Go for It (r). (Teletext)

11.30 Ely & Jocks. A story of young love with a difference - one of the lovers is a ghost 12.00 The Weather. 1.00 Land of the Giants. Vintage science fiction adventures

2.00 Film: The Seventh Veil (1945, b/w) starring James Mason, Ann Todd and Herbert Lom. A conceit plot is confined in a sanatorium and given to the case of a psychiatrist who is not in the shopwindow of commercial television. Quite right. This is one of six BBC1 Plays for Today, screened in the early 1970s, now being repeated on Channel 4, with "film" being substituted for "play". Again, quite right for Channel 4's *Play* is pure cinema, though very wordy. Rudkin's central character is a teenaged lad (Spencer Banks), uncompromisingly Elgar and nationalistic, given to visions of angels and devils (blame *Gertrude*), hands being ceremonially topped off in a pagan ritual, Christ's nailed feet reflected in an

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6.00 TV-am

6.30 TV-am Reports with an end-of-term review of the current session of Parliament

9.25 Film: Wild Jack (1988). Second part of the sentimental Disney story of an Alaskan wilderness guide who becomes trustee of a multi-million dollar company. Directed by Harry Harris and James Quinn

10.15 The Campbells. Drama serial

10.45 Link. Sir John Wilson, who became blind at the age of 12, discusses the changes he faces in the new decade as he tries to persuade governments and international agencies to devote money and resources to disabled issues

11.00 Morning Worship from Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff. The preacher is the Archbishop of Canterbury

12.00 Heartland. John Swinfield is guided round Siglo Venito, a diseased and deprived corner of Bolivia, by Roberto Durante, an American Roman Catholic priest

12.30 The Care Bears 12.40 Crime Monthly Update 12.55 LWT News and weather

1.00 News with Sue Carpentier. Weather

1.10 McSwain's Seafile 7.0. Yacht racing

1.40 The Big Valley: Palma de Glory. Vintage western series

2.40 Charlie's Angels: Angels at Sea. The pulchritudinous trio of investigators solve a murder mystery

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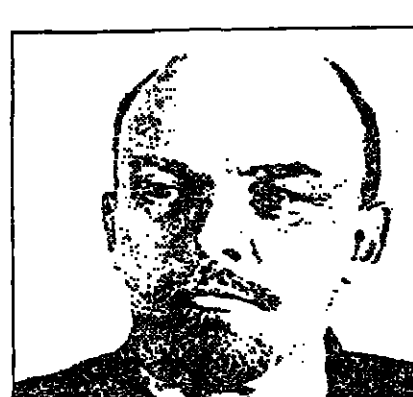
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Not impracticable: Vladimir Lenin (11.05pm)

few Georgians after their brief spell of independence. Part two of *Red Empire* ends with everything in place for the butcher with the bushy moustache to take centre-stage position next Sunday night. The quality and quantity of the news material employed in this series is a source of never-ending wonderment

12.05am Film: Harlequin (1980) starring Robert Powell and David Hemmings. Micky creepy film about a faith healer who cures a politician's son, seduces his wife, and proves to be of supernatural origin. Directed by Simon Winchester

1.50 The ITV Chart Show (r)

2.50 Pick of the Week

3.20 Film: Dr Scorpion (1978) starring Nick Mancuso and Christine Lahti. A deadly and power-mad genius threatens world peace. Directed by Richard Lang

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

6.35 Open University: Maths - Non-Euclidean Geometry 7.00 Resource Constraints 7.25 Calculus: Logarithmic Function 7.50 Water Turbine Design 8.15 Violent Galaxies 8.40 Light: The Destroyer 9.05 Introduction to Psychology 9.30 Opening Doors - Some Personal Views 9.55 Stand by Your Banner 10.20 Biology: The Vertebrate Kidney 10.45 Maths: Fibonacci Numbers 11.10 Education: The Future of Print 11.35 Science: A Day in the Life

12.00 Westminster Week. Christopher Jones with highlights of the Parliamentary week. Followed at 12.35 by regional reviews of the Parliamentary week. (Coefax)

Wales: 12.35-1.00 Hudson and Halls; Northern Ireland: 12.35-1.00 A Taste of Ireland

1.00 Ecology. An Open University case study of threatened red grouse.

1.25 Grandstand. Harry Carpenter introduces live coverage of the final round of the 119th Open from the Old Course, St Andrews. The commentating team is Peter Alliss, Bruce Ritchie, Alex Hay, Clive Clark, Mike Hughesdon, Mark McCormack and Steve Rids

6.30 One Man and His Dog. The Irish heat of the BBCtv International Sheepdog Championship. Three dogs - Sue, Flash and Moss, handled respectively by Tom Quirk, Paddy Roche and Robert Golliger - are put through their paces in the rolling hills by scenic Ladybow Reservoir in the Cotswolds Park District. Commentary by Phil Drabble with Eric Halsall

7.15 Rough Guide to the World. Magenta de Vine and Sankha Guha with a tour of Dakar in Senegal, Africa's most westerly point and a town steeped in tradition and history. French and African influences are French, Islamic and African and the programme's scope is almost as wide, taking in everything from finding the right man to marry to looking for good things to eat (r)

8.05 The Late Show. Highlights of the arts and media show. This week encouraging cigarette advertising and surrealism, Indian dancing with Shobana Jayasingh, and a profile of French photographer Robert Doisneau

9.05 BBC Design Awards 1990 presented from London's Old Billingsgate Market, itself a finalist in the environmental design section. Winners are revealed and the presentations take place, and design consultant John Thackara gives a talk on the state of the industry and the strengths and weaknesses of British industrial design. The programme is presented by Muriel Gray, and accompanied by the chairs of the three judging panels: architect Sir Norman Foster, retailer Sir Terence Conran and advertising executive John Hegarty

9.45 Golf: The Open. Harry Carpenter with highlights of the final round in the most prestigious championship of them all, from St Andrew's in Scotland.

10.30 Movie-memo. Alex Cox introduces *An American Werewolf in London* (1981).

11.00 Tiresome though it may be to see the old joke trotted out yet again, it is almost impossible to avoid saying about John Landis's horror movie that, after its advent, fangs could never more be



David Naughton: werewolfs around (10.30pm)

what they used to be. Gone for ever were the days when two overbearing teeth and a mass of hair, created by camera "dissolves", were considered enough to scare the living daylight out of us. From now on, wolf jaws pushed their way out of human skin before our very eyes, and unspeakable things happened to hands and feet. Landis's film is about the untypical things that can happen to hikers in the Yorkshire Dales. The violent climax may prove too much for sensitive souls. You have been warned. (Coefax) Ends at 12.15am

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00 Loads More Magic and Magic (r). (Coefax)

7.30 Once upon a Time... A new animated adventure from the human body 8.00 Early Bird 8.25 David the Gnome 8.55 Ramona

9.25 Movie Mahal. The second programme on Mohammed Rafi, the Indian playback singer (r)

10.00 A Week in Politics includes an interview with the arts minister Richard Luce, plus Ken Warren, chairman of the select committee for trade and industry, discussing the report on the Rover sell-off of the BAE

11.00 Go for It (r). (Teletext)

11.30 Ely & Jocks. A story of young love with a difference - one of the lovers is a ghost 12.00 The Weather. 1.00 Land of the Giants. Vintage science fiction adventures

2.00 Film: The Seventh Veil (1945, b/w) starring James Mason, Ann Todd and Herbert Lom. A conceit plot is confined in a sanatorium and given to the case of a psychiatrist who is not in the shopwindow of commercial television. Quite right. This is one of six BBC1 Plays for Today, screened in the early 1970s, now being repeated on Channel 4, with "film" being substituted for "play". Again, quite right for Channel 4's *Play* is pure cinema, though very wordy. Rudkin's central character is a teenaged lad (Spencer Banks), uncompromisingly Elgar and nationalistic, given to visions of angels and devils (blame *Gertrude*), hands being ceremonially topped off in a pagan ritual, Christ's nailed feet reflected in an

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Spencer Banks: adolescent fantasies (8.30pm)

organ's mirror, and old Elgar himself, returned from the dead to whisper the *Enigma* secret into the lad's captivated ear. It is all resolved, more or less, by the time the closing credits roll

10.15 Film: Kiss Me Deadly (1955, b/w) starring Ralph Meeker and Cloris Leachman. Mickey Spillane's private detective Mike Hammer becomes embroiled in a murder when he is stopped in his car by a woman wearing only a trenchcoat. Powerful film noir, years ahead of its time. Directed by Robert Aldrich. (Teletext)

12.15am Film: Malabriga (1984) starring Choro Verastegui and Felix Alvarez. Malabriga is a fishing town on the Pacific coast and also the destination of Sonia, who hopes to meet her husband there. Her journey is interrupted by strange events and upon reaching Malabriga, she cannot find her husband and sets out to track him down. In Spanish with English subtitles. Directed by Alberto Duran. Ends at 1.50

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW

5.00am Key 7.00 The Bruno and Luv Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm 30 Years of Number Ones 3.00 Phil Schofield 5.00 Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 8.00 Andy Kershaw 10.00-2.00am Bob Harris on Sunday

RADIO 2

FM Stereo

4.00am David Allen 6.00 Graham Norton 7.00 Don Maclean 8.00 Morning Show 9.05 Richard Baker with Melodics for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington with Radio 2 APT 12.00 Graeme 2.00pm Brian 3.00 Alan Deal with Sounds Easy 4.00 BBC Concert Orchestra 4.30 Song Something Simple 5.00 Alan Tait 6.00 News 6.30 Sunday Afternoon 8.00 The Kings Singers 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 8.00 Alan Tait with Your Hundred Best Times 10.05 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Radio 2 on Record 1.00-4.00 Geoff Ayton with Night Ride

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SUMMARY

Pedalling to Paris



CAN Greg LeMond win the Tour de France for the second successive year? With two days remaining, the American is only five seconds behind Claudio Chiappucci (above), of Italy. The climax to the three-week race, on the Champs Elysees tomorrow, promises to be as dramatic as last year, when LeMond recovered lost time to beat the Frenchman, Laurent Fignon, by eight seconds. Page 32

EQUESTRIANISM

Family affair

JOHN and Michael Whitaker, the most successful brothers in show jumping, go into the world championships in Stockholm next week hoping to win gold medals for Britain. Jenny MacArthur talks to the brothers, who will be rivals and team mates for Britain in Sweden, and looks at their careers. Page 34

FOOTBALL

Speaking out

WHATEVER happened to Chris Waddle in the World Cup? In a revealing interview, the enigma of England talks of the pressures on the team and himself in Italy as he prepares for his second season in French football with Marseilles. Page 28

CRICKET

Final overs



ENGLAND and Ireland met yesterday in what was a dress rehearsal for the final of the European Cup for women's cricket. Carole Hodges (above) hopes to regain her place in the England side for tomorrow's match after injury. Report and prospects. Page 30

RUGBY UNION

Injury calls

ROB Andrew is unlikely to receive permission from his employers to join England's injury-stricken rugby union tourists in Argentina. Instead, England, who meet Buenos Aires today, are considering calling in Jonathan Callard, the Bath full back. Page 28

RACING

Distinct mark



FRANKIE Dettori (above), the young Italian jockey, fresh from a double on Amerindian and Madriya at Newbury yesterday, will be in action at Atlantic City tonight to partner another Luca Cumani horse, Markofdistinction, in the Caesars Palace Stakes. Pages 32, 33

YACHTING

Ultra fast

THE fastest monohulls on the water are Ultra 30s, giant, high-tech dinghies capable of speeds more than 25 knots. Not only are they attractive to those seeking excitement, they are also the craft being used for a regular professional racing circuit. If you prefer motorised transport, the Princess 415 may be the boat for weekends away. Page 37

Big three give the Open ideal finishing scenario



Hat dance: Peter Jacobson, of the United States, celebrates his birdie on the legendary Road Hole, the 17th, in the Open Championship at St Andrews yesterday

By MITCHELL PLATT  
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THERE could be no better scenario this weekend for the 119th Open Championship at St Andrews than to have Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam vying for the title with the Australian, Greg Norman, and there could hardly have been a more romantic moment than that which saw Jamie Spence move among their midst on the Old Course yesterday.

Norman, the Open champion in 1986, provided moments of high drama, although he belied his inexperience of such occasions by compiling a 65. For that, he received deserved acclamation, even if, understandably, it could not be compared to the tumultuous welcome given to Arnold Palmer as he completed a marvellous 71.

No fewer than 33 years, not to mention two Opens, four Masters and a sizeable deposit in the Chase Manhattan Bank, separate Spence from the legendary Palmer. Spence, aged 27, has only once, since turning professional in 1985, finished in the top ten in a PGA

European Tour event, so it is hardly a surprise that he has not previously played in the Open Championship.

However, he has an attachment to the Open since Cleanmaster, the company which sponsors him, are responsible for servicing the portable latrines. Spence has himself been suffering from food poisoning since Saturday, when he was advised prior to the pre-qualifying to eat little and take fluids, vitamins and glucose. He has subsequently lost weight and gained a reputation.

Since Spence was the first to tee off in the second round he awoke to find the "auld grey toon" beneath a blanket of cloud, which the sun struggled to penetrate until late in the day, when the capricious wind, changing direction from hour to hour, became more of a zephyr as Faldo, Norman and Woosnam made their moves.

There was not a cloud on the horizon as far as Spence was concerned as he gathered eight birdies, although that was not the case last Christmas Day when his father, James, suffered a heart attack. "It made me realise that there is much more to life than worrying about making halfway cuts," Spence said.

Spence has been doing that for most of his career, treading his weary way back to the qualifying school no fewer than five times, and he has been the victim of the guillotine in each of his last four tournaments.

LEADERS

| Par | Player  | Holes |
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| -12 | Norman  | 34    |
| -10 | Faldo   | 32    |
| -8  | Woosnam | 33    |
| -8  | Spence  | 33    |
| -7  | Stewart | 36    |
| -7  | Reid    | 36    |
| -7  | Spence  | 36    |
| -7  | Price   | 36    |

He owed his emergence from anonymity, not only to the determination born from the desire to cheer his father, who will be present this weekend, but to some exhilarating approach shots including one at the 17th which will live with him forever. There, his five-iron shot from 188 yards out-tipped the hole, although with a putt of eight feet for a birdie, he saw for the first time his name go on the Open leader board.

Spence will start this morning on the leader board, but he would be the first to accept that the attention will mostly focus on the likes of Faldo, Norman and Woosnam. Not that they alone can expect to dominate the Championship with so many outstanding contenders hard on their heels.

Stewart missed only one green which was the 17th where he salvaged his par. The American appeared comfortable both in his plus twos and with his game. He wore the colours of the Green Bay Packers of Wisconsin, the state famed for their dairy products, and the look of a man who feels he

can like cream rise to the top.

He has quite recently worked with a sports psychologist, which has led to him being less critical of the inevitable bad shot. He has become increasingly confident with a putter in his hands. He was not entirely favoured by fortune on the greens although he did hole one putt on 20 feet at the sixth.

Nick Price has, on two occasions, come close to winning the Open. Tom Watson proved "good" for him in 1982, and Severiano Ballesteros denied him in 1988. The Zimbabwean had no desire to exact revenge on them, yet he was given the perfect opportunity, since all three were paired together. Price took the honours with five birdies in a flawless 67 to join the American, Mike Reid, (67) and Spence on 137, whereas Ballesteros and Watson, who each took 73, lost all hope of emulating their deeds of 1984 at St Andrews.

José María Olazábal now looks more and more certain to assume the role of Spanish No. 1 from Ballesteros. He succeeded for the second successive day in not missing a green in regulation and if he can discover the reason behind his unusually cold touch on the greens then he will be a threat.

Olazábal needed 37 putts in the first round and another 32 in the second, when he dropped net a shot in compiling a 67 to join several players on 138, who include Sam Torrance.

Not in his 20 years as a

A CROWD of 40,283 flocked to St Andrews yesterday to watch the second round of the 119th Open Championship, the biggest attendance for a day's golf over the Old Course.

The turn-out for the opening round on Thursday was 39,309, making a total of 79,592 for the first two days of the Championship. The second-round attendance record for the Open remains 44,000 at Royal Lytham and St Anne's two years ago.

professional has Torrance made a better start to the Open. He seemed for one marvellous moment on the threshold of taking command, as he gathered four successive birdies from the third, although he was eventually compelled to settle for a 70.

There is little substitute to experience when it comes to playing the Old Course and Lee Trevino provided further evidence of that as he put together a solid round of 70, which put him in touch with the leaders on 139. Jack Nicklaus could also still excel following a 70 for 141.

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Balanced attack needed

By ALAN LEE  
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EVEN as the latest batch of one-day internationals was concluding at Trent Bridge yesterday, England's selectors were returning their attention to Test match business and, hopefully, a slight change of emphasis.

Since Graham Gooch acceded purposefully to the captaincy, it has been policy to play six specialist batsmen and only four bowlers. Gooch's reasoning is that you do not win Test matches unless you make sufficient runs, a sound theory for the Caribbean last winter, and put convincingly into practice.

The demands of the coming series with India, which starts at Lord's on Thursday, are rather different. India's bowling is not their strong point and if England cannot score enough runs with the highly accomplished top five they have in residence, they are not going to win anyway.

Dismissing the talented Indian batting twice in a game presents a sterner problem and one which surely requires maximum bowling options. It is some while since England went into a Test with an old-fashioned balanced attack of three seamers and two contrasting spinners, but the circumstances are right for it now, even if Gooch's inclinations are likely to remain against it.

Logically, if England are to include a left-arm spin bowler, it should be Keith Medley, who was thought good enough to go to the West Indies and then had no real chance to justify himself. He attacks and gets good players out but despite a steady stream of wickets recently he is not bowling with quite the confidence or consistency the selectors will require.

There are two other worthy candidates: Richard Davis, of Kent, and Phil Tufnell, of Middlesex. Both, like Medley, are past the 40-wicket mark this season. Both are 24 years old. Both are more accurate, though not necessarily more dangerous than Medley. Tufnell, who is impressing many opponents, would be my choice in the week of winning his county cap.

If the seam bowling strength is reduced to three, Malcolm Fraser and Lewis are the obvious choices especially as Small would benefit from a spell recharging his batteries. Lewis is a good enough batsman to go in at No. 7, behind the obdurate Russell, but the essential insurance of a sixth batsman in the party should give an opportunity to Morris, especially with Stewart's fitness now in doubt.

My 12 for Lord's would be: Gooch, Atherton, Gower, Lamb, Smith, Morris, Lewis, Russell, Fraser, Hemmings, Tufnell, Malcolm.

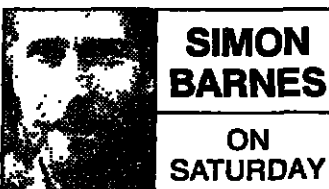
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Hidden cost of a ticket price rise

IS cricket in danger of selling its heartland for a handful of quids? Certainly, attending a Test match in England is becoming more and more like a serious investment. The cheap options for the young and for the less well-heeled have been weeded out by the combined forces of greed and history. At the Test match against India, which starts on Thursday, public seats cost between £22 and £25; a member's rover — unreserved seating for MCC chaps and their guests — costs £20. Had the Compton and Edrich stands been completed, there would have been further seats between £12 and £18. The last time the Indians were here, just four summers back, prices were far easier: £9 for a rover, £9.50 to £14 for the public.

Going back through previous Indian tours, we find in 1982 a rover for £5.50, and seating £6 to £8.50. In 1979, a rover was £3.30. In 1974, a rover was 85p, public seats were £1.30 to £2.10, and it cost 85p to sit on the grass. In 1971, public seating was £1 to £1.75, and rovers and a place on the grass were both 50p.

Granted that ground safety and pitch invasions have changed the way of spectating, but it is still clear that watching cricket is increasingly the pastime of the well-off. It is a good deal, compared with non-Wagnerian opera — six hours' play and more for 20 quid or so. But opera needs its enthusiasts in the gods, and cricket should be available to all ages and wages. MCC members and executives do all right, and the profit goes back into county cricket. But cricket isn't just about money, is it?



Simon Barnes

ON SATURDAY

Asian pandemonium

How much would you pay to advertise your wares on a panda? The going rate is \$80,000. I hear that there will be two pandas taking part in the parade before the Asian Games in Peking later this summer. The relationship of Chinese politicians and the panda is one of the most bizarre in the recent history of conservation. The latest notion involves giant pandas carrying advertising hoardings in the role as games mascots. This is a last-ditch attempt to try to get some money back: the cost of these Games has been enormous, and has been estimated at \$126 million. Broadcasting rights have been sold, but the sum of \$900,000 still leaves them a couple of dollars shy of break-even. The asking rate for Panda Ads is \$80,000, but there has been no rush of takers.

Sports typecasting

Sky-divers and cave-divers are sportspeople. So are cricketers and snooker players. But they are different: the enthusiasts for risk-sports are "Type T personalities". The "T" stands for thrills. This is all the fruit of research by Frank Farley, a professor of psychology at the University of Wisconsin. People with a "big T personality" like uncertainty, novelty and inten-

sity. They are different from the competitive sports people, apparently. These are "Type A people". This is a category created by heart doctors, and it covers people whose cast of mind makes them particularly vulnerable to heart trouble. Such people are aggressive and driven by deadlines. They seek the thrill of victory. Type T people approach life in another way. T-positive types control their level of risk, but T-negative types are self-destructive, and include drug users. As for these Type A and Type T people, Farley says he suspects there isn't much cross-over between the two. Oh really? What about grand prix drivers? What about three-day equestrian and steeplechase riders?

I hear that David Brown, the former quick bowler for England and Warwickshire, is now a name to conjure with in greyhound racing circles. He farms and also breeds racing dogs. One of the dogs in his latest litter recently had an accident, and needed to have a toe amputated. The dog has recovered well, and his racing name has been registered with the National Greyhound Racing Club. The name? Timus.

A Corinthian spirit

This column does not care for snobbery, but cares a great deal for quixotry. Amateurs was, historically, a device for keeping the working classes out of one's favourite sporting pursuit. But Corinthian-Casuals football club has followed the path of amateurism for so long, flying in the face of all reason, that one can do nothing but admire. This year, the club is celebrating a jubilee: it

was in 1939 that the two major amateur football clubs, the Corinthians and the Casuals, joined forces, to sink or swim together. Mostly they have sunk, but that is not the point. "We maintain the old Corinthian spirit of fair play, amateurism and enjoyment of the game," their player-manager, Steve Bangs, insists. They are about to set off on their jubilee tour, travelling to Scotland to play Queen's Park, a team from IBM, of all things, and, naturally, Hamilton Academical. I wish them luck on their tour, and hope they will tear the Spartan League apart next season.

Suffering Skydomes

The Toronto SkyDome remains a favourite place for this column. Hot on the heels of the unforgettable did-the-roof-move-for-you-honey incident comes the information that the famous moveable roof of this enormous stadium has got stuck. The southern shell of the four-piece arrangement is jammed in the closed position. A fire destroyed the machinery that operates it. Spokeschaps at the stadium are expressing only relief. When the roof is closed, people complain that it should be open; when it is open they want it shut. "Now we are pleasing everybody," they said. As for the Toronto Blue Jays, the local baseball team, there is no doubt about what they prefer. When the roof was operating properly, their record under a closed roof was 21 wins and 13 defeats; when the roof was open, they had five wins and nine losses. They expect to have the roof back and moving by Tuesday.

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# Waddle is very much at home abroad

Chris Waddle, formerly with Newcastle United and Tottenham Hotspur and now with Olympique Marseilles in the French league, talks to Jean-Marie Descamps, of the magazine *France Football*, of the pressures of being an England footballer.

**How did you find the World Cup?**  
It was difficult for attackers because, on the whole, the teams were very defensive.

**Was it particularly difficult for you?**

I had some highs and some lows. The French would not recognise the Waddle of Marseilles.

I know. This was because the England team's style of play is completely different. Me, I was the same. But the English play long balls and use zonal marking. The French, they play football. The British style does not suit you? I prefer to play as at Marseilles. It is less physical and more technical and corresponds to my qualities. You were not given a very big role to play in Italy...

Especially in the first round,

because I had to play deeper and that is not my style. Against Belgium in the second phase, I was a little more free and I was very happy.

**Why this freedom?**

It was Bobby Robson who asked me to move about in this way. I was less restrained. There were fewer problems.

**Why did you take so few risks?**

Was this an idea of Robson's? Yes, perhaps. Theoretically, I was able to do what I wanted, but in our system of play it was difficult to take chances. At Marseilles I do not have to defend, I am free.

**Do you prefer playing for Marseilles rather than for England?**

I like to play for England. It is a great honour every time. But, tactically, the system used by Marseilles suits me better. When you play in a team where there are players such as Mozzer, Amoroso, Francescoli and the others, all, technically, among the best in the world, it is fantastic. In France, one does not hit long balls up field. It is a style of football that has advantages for players like me or like Barnes.

**Will Chris Waddle find himself**



## COMMENT

CHRIS WADDLE

again in the French championship?

At Marseilles, no problem.

**You talk of a defensive World Cup. Must we modify the tactics or the rules to return to an attacking game?**

Certainly, one hopes that tactics will evolve. But I think that the rules must also change. If one did away with the offside rule, that football would be more open. In the national championships — okay. But at the level of a tournament like the World Cup, no one wants to lose and everyone adopts defensive tactics. One rarely sees more than a few shots from a distance. Inevitably, the number of goals has diminished because on the pitch it is easier to destroy than to create.

**Does the new offside rule seem to go in the right direction?**

I don't know. I am worried that there will still be problems. The linesmen have to pay more attention and decisions will probably be discussed more.

**The England team reached the semi-finals but was not always convincing.**

Indeed, we did not play as well as we could have done. In the first round, we did not match the standards set by West Germany, Italy or Belgium. But we finished very strongly. We demonstrated the present potential of English football.

**Which match was the most difficult?**

The one against Cameroon. It was physically very hard because we had little of the ball.

**And the best match?**

The semi-final against West Ger-

many and the match against Belgium.

**You said that England wanted to erase their failure of the European Championship. Did this happen?**

Yes. We perhaps did not play as well as we hoped, but to be semi-finalists is an achievement. And we failed only in those two matches against the Republic of Ireland and the Cameroon.

**England had their luck, all the same.**

Yes, plenty of luck. But we were unlucky not to go all the way in the World Cup. Exactly like Marseilles in the European Cup.

**British football has been described in the past as archaic: is it the quality of the players that has changed the tactics?**

No, not at all. We have our own understanding of the game; it is not perhaps liked by everyone, but it gets results.

**Why are England disliked?**

Because of the bad publicity surrounding the hooligans. The whole world thinks that our supporters are bad, but one saw in Italy that this was not true. There are now hooligans everywhere.

**West Germany has some hooligans, and The Netherlands has its hooligans. I would like to say that the day of the incident between West Germans and Yugoslavians there were no Englishmen in Milan.**

**But you cannot excuse the English hooligans.**

Never, during this World Cup, did you see the English alone breaking things or fighting with the police. Each time there were other hooligans, Italians, German, Dutch, who came to confront them.

**Today ours have such a reputation that they are provoked everywhere.**

The English press has been very harsh with you.

Before the start of the tournament, they did not like the team, nor its way of playing or its composition. Now they heap praise upon us. Is it not similar everywhere? But certain English journalists will write anything. Result: the majority of the players do not talk to them.

**Is this true in your case?**

Yes, with some of the journalists. A few, in my opinion, did not wish for our success in the World Cup.

How do you expect me to collaborate with them?

**Does this represent your view of most journalists?**

Nearly all, because nearly all were against us.

**Even the more serious, like The Times, The Independent or The Guardian?**

Yes. It was not so much those such as The Times but seven or eight of the others, perhaps more, did work against us.

**Is it very different to what happens in France?**

Yes, the French press at least tries to make constructive criticism. Some of the things that the English write my little girl would be able to write.

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This is true. I have a contract with The Sun.

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## RUGBY UNION

### Hull given a chance against Argentina after nervous wait

FROM DAVID HANDS IN BUENOS AIRES

ENGLAND will spend an anxious weekend here, partly because they are keen to beat the Buenos Aires selection they play today at Vélez Sarsfield, the stadium where a week ago they lost the opening match of their Argentine tour to Banco Nación, and partly to see how their injury problems are resolved.

An x-ray examination of Simon Hodgkinson's wrist indicated no break and the full back is hopeful that he will be able to resume normal service early next week. However, David Pears, the stand-off half, has a tender calf muscle as a legacy of Wednesday's game against Tucuman and the management remains in close contact with Twickenham in case a replacement should be required.

It now appears unlikely that Rob Andrew would be able to get time from work to assist the party. Jonathan Callard, the Bath full back is among the possibilities. In the meantime Pears remains in today's XV but as full back where he has

played very little rugby at senior level, and Paul Hull becomes the focus of attention as he plays his first match on the tour at stand-off.

Hull, aged 22, has had a nervous fortnight awaiting his debut and has seen as clearly as anyone the need to develop the back play more than has been the case so far. He has a reputation as a runner of the ball though Will Carling, the captain, has been impressed with his kicking in training: a judicious mixture of the two is required today against a selection including none of the Argentine national squad, but two of the Banco forwards, Rodolfo Etcheberry and Pablo Di Nisio, successful against England last week.

Carling admits that, in other circumstances, the prospective international XV might have been aired today, but that is clearly not the case. However, another good match by Jason Leonard at loose-head prop and Dean Ryan as flanker could well earn them first caps in a week's time.

Leonard was outstanding against Tucuman and Ryan held his own in some robust exchanges.

Graham Childs will be the only member of the party not to have played after today. Childs, a centre, says he is happy just to be here. Even so, he would welcome the chance to show his pace, but the need to establish the best midfield, combined with Carling's illness in midweek from which he has now fully recovered have taken precedence.

"We wanted to give Gavin Thompson a chance alongside Will so that we can look at the combination," Jeff Cooke, the manager said, but that will work only if Hull is on top of his game.

**BUENOS AIRES SELECTION:** G. Anguita; G. Jorge, H. Garcia Simon, E. Latorre, S. Exposito, L. Artola, A. Zimori (captain); L. Latorre, A. Cobos, H. Beldone, A. Villalonga, G. Linares, H. Etcheberry, E. Exposito, F. Chelillo.  
**ENGLAND XV:** D. Pears (stand-off); N. Hastings (prop), W. Carling (flanker, captain), G. Thompson (lock), C. Olliverson, P. Hall (centre), J. Callard (wing), J. Leonard (loose-head prop), J. Over (stand-off), V. Wigglesworth (flanker), D. Ryan (wing), R. Williams (centre), P. Bailey (prop), G. Egerton (lock).  
**Referee:** E. Sider (Buenos Aires).

### In prone position for a tilt at the target



On the double: cadets in action during the public schools rifle shooting competition at Bisley's centenary meeting yesterday.

### Aiming for gold at Bisley

By REX BELLAMY

OUR golf professional has forgotten to advocate shooting (the firearms variety). Ursula Powell says that after a fortnight at Bisley in July her golf improves so much that, come August or September, her handicap is reduced. She puts it down to concentration: that demanded on the range rubs off on the course.

John Powell, her husband, was the 1967 Queen's Prize winner and is now a gunsmith at Reigate. The modern match rifle, he suggests, is like a sophisticated sniping rifle. "We're hitting the equivalent of a man's chest at 1,200 yards — and we're disappointed if we miss."

"Let's say a dinner plate," interjects John Hissey, a retired insurance broker, who has been shooting at Bisley since 1945. Shooters are toughy about even oblique reminders of the incurable effect of shooting for real. It is a coincidence, rather than a consequence, that the immediate environment is renowned for cemeteries.

It is estimated that, after angling, shooting is Britain's second most popular participant sport. "It isn't the rich man's sport of a lot of people think it is," Powell says. Potential newcomers can join a club and borrow all they need. After that they can get a firearms certificate and invest about £250 in second-hand equipment or about £1,500 in a new rifle, "spotting" telescope and stand, and car muffs.

Bisley's resident expert in all this is Roger Millard, who manages the on-site gunsmiths, Fulton's. In the workshop ("the engine room") are five special centenary rifles, a limited edition selling at £1,400 each. "We do a good target rifle for just under £1,000," Millard says.

Out front, in the shop, is a jocular notice reading "Rifle shooters get a bang out of life". They certainly do. The echoing gunfire at Bisley is somewhat at odds with the lazy, hazy heat of bright summer days on a vast, open expanse of beflagged, heathery common and meadows.

At the moment, the scene is busy with tents, caravans, improvised clothes lines, snack bars, and ice-cream vans. Busy, too, with shooters: many in uniform, others in whatever makes sense and feels comfortable. We are in the midst of Bisley's most important fortnight of the year, its culmination the award of the Queen's Prize.

Actually, prizes: £250 (unchanged since the original 1860 meeting on Wimbledon Common); the National Rifle Association's gold medal and gold badge; and a signed, framed portrait of the Queen. Moreover, while the band plays *The Conquering Hero Comes*, the winner is carried round the camp in a sedan chair, stopping for a drink at every club.

The difference, this year, is that Bisley is celebrating its centenary. Queen Victoria fired the first shot (by remote control via a silken cord) at Wimbledon in 1860, 17 years before the first tennis championships. Suburban development, plus a need for expansion because of the increasing range of firearms, induced the NRA to move across Surrey to Bisley, in 1890.

The heavily up-market sponsors of this centenary event include Land Rover Ltd, two investment companies (Globe Investments and Save and Prosper), two banks (Barclays and Coutts), and Fairfield, "specialist caterers to independent schools". The money goes to the sport as

a whole — improving ranges and other facilities, and supporting overseas teams — rather than to prize-winners.

Ronnie Constant, commercial manager of the NRA, hopes to secure continuing sponsorship and to develop out-of-season use of the camp's ranges and accommodation. "The potential is enormous," he says, "but I would not do anything that would detract from the tradition of Bisley and the sport in general — anything that would detract from the shooting, which is what it's all about."

Only one woman has won the Queen's Prize: Marjorie Foster, from the Women's Legion of Motor Drivers, in 1930. But inside the camouflage uniforms at Bisley are many sharp-eyed young women from the cadet corp of co-educational schools. Yes, shooting is for both sexes and, for that matter, almost every segment of society. "Only at Bisley," Hissey says, "would you find a field marshal chatting to a private without either knowing the others rank."

Well, that happens in golf, too, but the "only" is a permissible exaggeration. Shooting does attract a cross-section of society and has a marked air of camaraderie and mutual aid based on a common enthusiasm.

These sport's disciplined military routes helped to explain why it remains genteel. Mostly, anyway. Competitors on the match rifle range are allowed a preliminary free shot, into the stop butt rather than the target, to "foul" the barrel — to warm it up, so to speak, for subsequent demands on pin-point precision. This free shot is preceded by a range officer's formal announcement: "Gentlemen, you may now blow off."

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL

### Spartans court success

By RICHARD WESTERHILL

THE semi-finalists in the Coca-Cola League play-offs (formerly the NDMAs) were decided last weekend. Glasgow Lions beat the Bournemouth Bobcat 33-0 and will meet the Manchester Spartans, who overcame the Leeds Cougars 45-36. The other semi-final will be between the Birmingham Bulls and the Northants Storm.

Terry Smith, who coaches the Spartans, went to court two days before the game against the Cougars, and not only gained a reprieve from a suspension handed out by a disciplinary committee, but also won the right to play at home, overturning another NDMAs decision.

On the field, the Spartans relied on their quarterback, Hazen Choates, running back, Paul Bailey, and wide receiver, Allan Brown, to guide them through.

## FISHING

### Wiltshire water fears

By CONRAD VOSS BARK

FISHERMEN on the Wylde in Wiltshire are concerned about new borehole work by Wessex Water in the Cotford area, near Heytesbury, which is taking place in an effort to meet growing industrial and domestic demand for water.

The Wylde, a famous trout stream, is one of 40 rivers in England and Wales where water levels have diminished drastically during periods of drought, because underground springs that feed them have been tapped by water companies to augment the public supply.

The National Rivers Authority says many of the problems have been caused by legal boreholes licensed during the 1960s, under the 1963 Water Resources Act, which gave existing users the right to a licence, whether or not it was detrimental to river flows.

A member of the Wiltshire Fishery Association said: "The trouble is that water engineers are not really concerned with the environment, only in getting as much water as they can into the public supply as cheaply as they can. We're worried that they'll be taking a reasonable amount of water this autumn, but in a couple of years' time, they may be taking three times as much."

The National Rivers Authority, created last year to guard the water environment, which includes river flows, has problems in trying to improve matters.

Most of the chalk streams in southern England have suffered from low flows during the drought this year and last, particularly the smaller rivers, including the Piddle, the Allen and the Wallop Brook.

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The Times reports on the second round of the 119th Open Championship at St Andrews

## A Scot trying in the wilderness

By PATRICIA DAVIES

GOLF is the only game in town in St Andrews at all times, not just during the Open, so Sam Torrance has an awesome burden to bear over the next two days.

The affable man from Largs is the Great Scottish Hope after a round of 70, two under par, yesterday took him to a total of six under, the best start he has had in the 19 championships he has played in.

It is too early to suggest that Torrance will be the first native-born Scot to win the title at St Andrews since Jock Hutchison, by then a naturalised American, in 1921.

Torrance is, after all, only 51st on the Volvo Order of Merit and has not won a tournament since the Italian Open in 1987. His best finish in the Open is fifth, in 1981, but he has started playing his best golf for some time, having obeyed his father's forceful instructions to work harder.

He had hopes of a really low score yesterday morning until the wind changed. "I don't know what the hell I've done wrong," he said. "We played the front nine into the wind and the back nine into the wind. It switched round completely and I had to work like mad on the way home."

Torrance had birdie chances at the 1st and 2nd but dropped a shot when he took three putts at the second. The crowd sagged a little but perked up when he had four birdies in a row to share the lead briefly with Payne Stewart, on seven under par.

Torrance had three at the 3rd and 4th to go to five under. He sank his five-foot putt at the latter seconds after Jamie Spence, still unknown and unremarked, on the 14th, sharing the green with the 4th, moved to five under with a birdie of his own. The difference in their receptions was audible.

Torrance hit a wedge to four feet for a birdie four at the 5th, undisturbed by Jack Nicklaus prowling about the 13th, which shares the double green, and the Scot then sank a six-footer at the 6th, to share the lead with Stewart, who was dropping a shot, in full view of Torrance, on the adjoining 12th.

Scotland sighed when Torrance skied his drive at the 7th and dropped a shot. He then had to set about the really hard work of coming home in 36, level par, and managed it by leaning heavily on his long putter, sometimes literally as well as figuratively.

At the 10th, where he was

## THE OPEN



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only feet short of the green with his drive, his chip ran 30 feet past, down a slope, but Torrance got down in two putts. As he stood on the 12th tee, he got the thumbs up from Mark James, who was perambulating down the 7th, but such moral support was no use to Torrance when he found his drive in a huge divot.

His three-iron hack out ran over the green and he took an extra hack for revenge, but saved his par with two putts from some 60 feet. He dropped a shot at the 13th but the putting magic did not desert him altogether and twice more he got down in two from the 45-to-50-foot range.

However, his most notable saving putt was at the 14th, where he holed a 20-footer for his par five after driving into a little pot bunker, one of The Beardies.

"I should have gone further left off the tee," Torrance said, "but they've built a big stand which is on the line I reckon you need to take, to be safe, into the wind. Next time I'll hit it over their heads." The stand, he calculated, was 220 yards away, so perhaps the spectators in the top row should be issued with hard hats.

Yet another delay and distraction came when he was about to putt on the 17th green. Suddenly, all eyes were on the not insubstantial figure of Chris Patton, the United States amateur champion, who had driven into the Swilcan Burn at the first and was in the process of lowering his 300-odd-lb bulk into the water, trousers tucked into socks.

Everyone watched mesmerised as he took a swipe and landed the ball on the green to huge acclamation. Even Bob Charles, one of Patton's partners, smiled.

Torrance took two putts for his par at the Road Hole, then did his own bit of grandstanding at the 18th, holing from 18 feet for a birdie three. There was a sizeable cheer, even though the stand was three-quarters empty, but if he does the same on Sunday, and it matters, Jock Hutchison himself will hear the roar.



A master's touch: Palmer shows his elation as his putt from the Valley of Sin finishes within inches of the hole

## Palmer extends last hurrah

By MEL WEBB

ARNOLD Palmer had an unhappy Open at Royal Troon last year. He shot 81 and 82, missed the cut by a distance and was hugely embarrassed. He said earlier this week that the humiliation he felt after that experience meant that this would be his last Open, and after a 73 on Thursday, his second round yesterday might have been the last chance anybody would have of watching one of the greatest players in the world's greatest golf tournament.

If we thought he would leave us without a final hurrah, we should all have known better. Because, although at the age of 60 his powers on the course have naturally declined, his huge pride of performance remains unbroken by the passage of time. The result was a 71, one under par. It was a good round by anybody's standards, and there are plenty of players of less

than half Palmer's age who would have been satisfied with it. But for a man who might have become bogged down in the drama of it all, it was remarkable.

All the elements of a virtuoso Palmer performance were there. That great flailing extravagance of a swing, the weather-beaten features betraying every shade of emotion, that familiar, slightly knock-kneed putting style. In those respects at least he was the same man who first played in the Open Championship 30 years ago this year, on this very course, and the same man who won it in 1961 and 1963.

And how he loves the smell of the grass and the roar of the crowd. Wherever he trod there was applause and more applause, and he milked the last drop. Like an old-style vaudeville, not a trick was missed. What of Arnie's Army? Well, their numbers are a little depleted these days — no more

than a couple of regiments. But there are still plenty of foot soldiers out there who are still prepared to march their hearts out to the beat of the silver-haired general at their head.

Palmer did not let his people down. He got them in the right mood with a ten-foot putt for a birdie at the 1st, but had them groaning when he missed one from 18 inches to drop a shot at the 3rd. Somehow, the pitch to two feet by Gary Player, his old friend and rival, who on another day would have been the star turn himself, was no more than incidental to the main action.

On the 6th he was nearly despatched by a wayward drive from the opposite direction. Palmer ducked, whirled and sent an aggrieved glare down to the 13th tee, where Danny Mijovic, an embarrassed Canadian, waved his apologies. If the Army could have got at him he might have been a dismembered Canadian.

On the short 8th he got a

birdie from ten feet, and for the second time in his round immediately gave the shot back when he three-putted the next. His third and final birdie of the day came on the 15th with another ten-foot putt. He played the Road Hole beautifully, and after putting his second shot into the Valley of Sin on the last, putted up to a couple of inches to complete 36 holes on 144, level par.

The Army loved it, the other ranks in the stand adored it. Their hero had done himself proud, and they were beside themselves. They did not want him to leave, and he did not want to go.

WEATHER: Today: Warm and dry, sunny spells, wind light and variable. Max 17-20C (63-68F). Tomorrow: Dry, sunny periods, light winds. TELEVISION: Today: BBC1 12.30-5.55pm. BBC2 5.55-6pm and 10.15-11.30pm. BBC3 10.15-11.30pm and 12.30-2pm. BBC4 12.30-2pm and 12.30-2pm. BBC5 10.15-11.30pm and 12.30-2pm. BBC6 12.30-2pm and 12.30-2pm.

## Nicklaus marvels as Olazábal peppers the flags

By JOHN HENNESSY

AFTER two rounds of close companionship Jack Nicklaus, who speaks with authority on any golfing subject, expressed admiration yesterday for the talents of José-Maria Olazábal. The young Spaniard played the Old course in 67 strokes, five under par, and with a 36-hole total of 138, forced his way into serious consideration for the Open title.

Nicklaus did not do too badly himself for a man of 50. He scored 70 to stand three under par on 141. Doughty competitor that he still is, he does not rule out his hopes of the title. "Two good rounds," he said afterwards, "and I have a good chance of the championship. That's what you've got to believe."

He was particularly impressed, as any observer had to be, with the iron play of Olazábal, who has not yet missed a green. "He's knocked the flag stick down for two days," Nicklaus said, "and he's unlucky not to have an even better score. He was terrific."

Unfortunately Olazábal's touch on the greens comes and goes, and for the most part, as Nicklaus has indicated, it has gone. He had taken 37 putts on Thursday in a round of 71. Yesterday's round of 67 was like the genuine article. A compatriot, using the Spanish abbreviation for José-Maria, suggested: "The old man should teach Chema how to putt."

Their playing companions David Frost, drifted into comparative insignificance, as the "old man" and the young pretender measured themselves

against each other. They had started level, at one under par, and, after various swings and roundabouts, were locked together on four under 15 holes later. Olazábal had been the first to strike, with wedge and eight-iron close to the 3rd and 7th holes respectively.

Now Nicklaus observed the Old course maxim that you must make your score round the loop at the far end of the course. He had five successive threes from the 8th, three of them for birdies.

The conditions by now offered an almost perfect, uncanny calm and Nicklaus hit short irons to 12 feet at the 10th and six feet at the 11th. His wedge into the 9th rather than of his putter but it did not betray him from 25 feet.

Olazábal, aged 24, who was later to express himself "very impatient to win a major title" went ahead against a glorious five-iron at the 16th and secured a model four at the intimidating Road Hole.

Nicklaus, however, who had the day before proclaimed the Old course's 17th the hardest of the 18, provided corroborative evidence. He hooked off the tee when he should have faded, as he later said, and a lie in the rough gave him no chance of getting up in two.

Olazábal left nothing to chance at the 18th. It was playing longer yesterday against the wind and required, this time, a genuine pitch rather than Thursday's chip and run. Olazábal dropped the ball four feet from the hole.

## Stadler left to rue early mistakes

CRAIG Stadler, embarrassed by an 82 on Thursday, improved no end yesterday (Mel Webb writes). His 71 put him the clubhouse with a score of 153, nine over par, but he will be winging his way back to San Diego a wiser man.

Stadler, who only a few weeks ago won the Scandinavian Enterprise Open after a final round of 62, made few excuses for his fall from grace.

"I do have an in-growing toenail, which has turned septic but it's not that septic," a philosophical Stadler said.

Joining Stadler in the early departure club is one of his playing partners, Roger Davis, of Australia. Davis, many people's favourites for the Open, also had an 82 in the first round, and, like Stadler, improved to 71 yesterday. Davis's first round was the result of probably the worst day he has ever had on the greens. He three-putted five times, and took a ghastly 46 putts.

The third member of the

group, Davis Love III, was a stunning success compared with his two companions. He had rounds of 73 and 75 — but four over par was still nowhere near good enough. This three-ball was a must for the connoisseur of black comedy. Few lingered for long.

Of the four amateurs in the field, the best performance by far was that of Tony Nash, of Carlyon Bay.

He added a level-par 72 to his first round of 73, while Rolf Munz, of The Netherlands, was a little overawed by the company he found himself in.

Munz, the Amateur champion, was playing in a group which also included Arnold Palmer and Gary Player. He had a 74 yesterday, and finished on 152, eight over par.

Chris Patton, who at 22 stone is certainly the heaviest champion in the history of the US Amateur championship, had finished himself pretty well, and finished a firm favourite of the crowd, on 149, five over par.

## SECOND ROUND SCORES

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P Stewart (US), 68, 68

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J Spence, 72, 65

N Price (Zim), 70, 67

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J Mudd (US), 72, 66

J-M Olazábal (Sp), 71, 67

P Jacobsen (US), 72, 67

S Torrance, 68, 70

S Pate (US), 70, 68

A Sorenson (Den), 70, 68

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F Nobilo (NZ), 72, 67

V Fernandez (Arg), 72, 67

S Jones (US), 72, 67

M O'Meara (US), 70, 69

V Singh (Fiji), 70, 69

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J Rivera (Sp), 70, 70

J Rutledge (Can), 71, 69

C Pavin (US), 71, 69

H Irwin (US), 72, 68

M Poxon, 68, 72

D Ray, 71, 69

J Baker-Finch (Aus), 68, 72

W Hall (US), 70, 70

C O'Connor Jr, 68, 72

E Romero (Arg), 69, 71

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J Nicklaus (US), 71, 70

R Rafferty, 70, 71

P Fowler (Aus), 73, 68

M Mackenzie (US), 71, 71

P Azinger (US), 73, 68

M Roe, 71, 70

A Saavedra (Arg), 72, 69

F Couples (US), 71, 70

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R Chapman, 72, 70

M James, 73, 69

J Sluman (US), 72, 70

D Canipe (US), 72, 70

J-M Canizares (Sp), 72, 70

N Ozaki (Japan), 71, 71

A Lyle, 72, 70

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D Mijovic (Can), 69, 74

M Clayton (Aus), 72, 71

R Floyd (US), 72, 71

B Langer (NG), 74, 69

L Mize (US), 71, 72

B Crenshaw (US), 74, 69

D Feherty, 74, 68

D Graham (US), 72, 71

M McCumber (US), 69, 74

P Broadhurst, 74, 69

G Powers (US), 74, 69

D Cooper, 74, 69

D Poley (US), 70, 73

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W Westner (SA), 72, 72

M Harwood (Aus), 72, 72

A Palmer (US), 73, 71

J Morgan, 74, 70

J Woodcock (US), 73, 71

T Kite (US), 71, 73

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D Frost (SA), 72, 73

C Moody, 71, 74

S Elkington (Aus), 74, 71

W Hall (US), 72, 73

S Bennett, 74, 71

W Glascock (US), 72, 73

P Hall, 74, 71

P Estes (US), 73, 72

A Nash, 73, 72

A Oldcorn, 74, 71

L Wadkins (US), 71, 74

S Ballesteros (Sp), 71, 74

H Clark, 73, 72

T Watson (US), 72, 73

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P Hedblom (Swe), 75, 71

M Martin (US), 74, 72

W Player (SA), 76, 70

R Drummond, 75, 71

M Calavechchia (US), 71, 75

J Gervais (Sp), 78, 69

D Smyth, 73, 74

J Huston (US), 77, 70

M Ozaki (Japan), 72, 75

P Senior (Aus), 72, 75

D Durman, 73, 74

P Harrison, 72, 75

T Walskop (US), 73, 74

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R Boxall, 78, 70

K Green (US), 73, 75

J Hawkes (SA), 75, 73

D Love III (US), 73, 75

B Jones (Aus), 78, 70

K Trimble (Aus), 76, 73

B Jones (Aus), 72, 76

D Jones, 74, 74

D A Russell, 75, 73

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Y Kuramoto (Japan), 77, 72

G Lavenson (SA), 75, 74

O Moore (Aus), 75, 75

C Patton (US), 74, 75

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K Waters, 78, 74

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C Beck (US), 76, 75

P Head, 75, 76

P Charles (NZ), 76, 75

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G Farr, 82, 70

R Muntz (Neth), 78, 74

P Way, 75, 77

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R Gonzalez (Arg), 75, 78

R Davis (Aus), 82, 71

C Stadler (US), 82, 71

P Lyons, 77, 78

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68: N Fardo

68: M Poxon, C O'Connor Jr, J Baker-Finch (Aus), C Pavin (US), P Stewart (US), P Jacobsen (US), S Torrance

69: E Romero (Arg), G Turner (NZ), L Trevino (US), D Mepovic (Can), M McCumber (US)

70: S Pate (US), A Sorenson (Den), D Poley (US), M Hubert (US), N Price (Zim), M O'Meara (US), V Singh (Fiji), M Reid (US), T Sargent (US), R Gomez (US), J Rivera (Sp), R Rafferty, M Mackenzie, D Hammond (US)

71: D Ray, L Wadkins (US), N Ozaki (Japan), M Roe, S Ballesteros (Sp), M Calavechchia (US), F Couples (US), T Kite (US), B McCallister (US), A North (US), E Darcy, S Fitch (US), J Burt (SA), B Norton (US), C Moody, J Rutledge (Can), J Nicklaus (US), J-M Olazábal (Sp), L Mize (US), C Pavin (US)

72: D Cooper, P Harrison, H Irwin (US), J Canizares (Sp), B Jones (Aus), S Jones (US), T Watson (US), A Lyle, C Montgomerie, P Mitchell, P Curry, J Krametz (Swe), S Elkington (Aus), J Mudd (US), M Harwood (Aus), G Player (SA), R Floyd (US), F Nobilo (NZ), J Sluman (US), R Chapman, P Senior (Aus), M Ozaki (Japan), D Graham (Aus), V Fernandez (Arg), S Glascock (US), D Canipe (US), A Saavedra (Arg)

73: J Woodland (Aus), T Walskop (US), H Clark, S Glen (Aus), S Simpson (US), W Grady (Aus), R Tway (US), I Aoki (Japan), R Hartmann (US), J Quince (Sp), P Baker (US), B Barnes, A Hare



A long, hard day's slog in the second one-day cricket international at Trent Bridge

# England simmer in an Indian summer

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

INDIA have proved this week that they have their best and most attractive one-day team since they improbably won the 1983 World Cup. England have proved that, for all their progress in Test cricket, they have become accident-prone in the instant game.

Yesterday's second Texaco Trophy match, played on a perfect pitch, turned out to be a farcical beginning and end to the England innings. Then, as India pursued 282 to win, there was another demonstration of the rich batting skill with which they will adorn the Test matches to come.

The downside of the day was its length. The tourists had gathered long before 9am and so had much of the crowd. As the over rate hardly exceeded 14 an hour all day, this meant that many of the 13,000 full hours summering in the sauna bath of Trent Bridge.

There was a fabled heat-haze across the ground at the start of play and, early though it was, the sun seemed to go to the heads of the England batsmen. In a little more than an hour the three senior players had taken their leave; one was bowled by a ball he chose to leave alone and the other two were bizarrely run out.

Late-comers had hardly taken their seats when Gooch committed his gaffe in the fourth over. Prabhakar is a handy performer on mornings when conditions encourage swing and he served up a big in-swing, starting its curve early and evidently hypnotising Gooch, who passively watched it knock back his off stump.

Gower set off in that inimitable 'never-makes-a-drama-out-of-a-crisis' mood, refusing to allow the bowlers to gloat. He plainly decided, in fact, that it was far too hot to do much running, as 24 of his 25 came in boundaries. He was, however, never running nor in his case but grazing without due care when a poor return from Azharuddin encouraged Gower to have a shy at the non-striker's stumps. The direct hit ran out a shamefaced Gower and cut off

a potentially brilliant innings in its infancy.

Lamb was equally as culpable for his slightly more conventional run-out. He had made three singles in seven overs, playing with suspicion against the spin which so ill suited him, when he dabbed Shastri behind square on the off side. Atherton called the run and set off but Lamb did not respond until his dash was no more than a sacrifice.

India might at this point have begun to suspect a dastardly plot to fill them with false confidence before the weightier items on the agenda are tackled next week. Instead, England were pulled round by the three batsmen who missed out in Wednesday's first match.

Smith, entering with the innings at its nadir, was all muscle and strut from the outset and, although he made various attempts to provide a third run-out, this was the only way he did look vulnerable. Even before lunch, he had struck four fours in five balls against the two spinners, whose threat was diminished on this blistering batting pitch.

Reaching his 50 from only 42 balls, Smith dominated a stand of 111 with Atherton, who had played with poise amid the early black comedy. Once he had gone, the fifth wicket produced 73 in 12 overs and, when Smith's second one-day hundred of the season had been ended by a turning ball from Shastri, England were set up for the final thrust towards the par score of 300.

They failed dismally, the last six wickets tumbling for 35 runs in six overs. The idea of batting DeFreitas as high as No. 7 was scorned by another poor shot and Lewis, arriving too late in the day for one whose inclination is to play straight, abandoned ship with a horrible swing across the line. Finally, the last three wickets fell to Kapil Dev's last three balls, the second of them another run-out.

Those following the game from a distance would have surmised that 281 was a formidable score. In fact, it was not. England had to bowl

## TRENT BRIDGE SCOREBOARD

India won toss

| ENGLAND                                    |     | 50 | 40  | 30  | 20 | 10 | 0 |
|--|-----|----|-----|-----|----|----|---|
| *G A Gooch b Prabhakar                     | 50  | 5  | 142 | 85  |    |    |   |
| M A Atherton c Moin b Prabhakar            | 50  | 5  | 142 | 85  |    |    |   |
| D J Gower run out (Shastri/Moin)           | 25  | 6  | 35  | 30  |    |    |   |
| A J Lamb run out (Shastri/Moin)            | 3   | 1  | 23  | 18  |    |    |   |
| R A Smith b Shastri                        | 103 | 11 | 117 | 105 |    |    |   |
| R C Russell c Azharuddin b Kapil Dev       | 50  | 4  | 88  | 50  |    |    |   |
| P A J DeFreitas c Vengalwar b Sharma       | 1   | 1  | 8   | 4   |    |    |   |
| C C Lewis bow b Prabhakar                  | 7   | 1  | 10  | 10  |    |    |   |
| G C Small c Azharuddin b Kapil Dev         | 4   | 1  | 4   | 4   |    |    |   |
| E E Hemmings run out (Manjrekar/Kapil Dev) | 0   | 1  | 1   | 0   |    |    |   |
| A R C Fraser not out                       | 0   | 1  | 1   | 0   |    |    |   |

Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 8, nb 1) 22  
Total (55 overs) 281  
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-47, 3-52, 4-173, 5-245, 6-254, 7-276, 8-280, 9-281.  
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 11-2-40-2 (w 2) (7-2-18-0, 8-2-12-0, 9-2-12-0, 10-2-12-0, 11-2-12-0, 12-2-12-0, 13-2-12-0, 14-2-12-0, 15-2-12-0, 16-2-12-0, 17-2-12-0, 18-2-12-0, 19-2-12-0, 20-2-12-0, 21-2-12-0, 22-2-12-0, 23-2-12-0, 24-2-12-0, 25-2-12-0, 26-2-12-0, 27-2-12-0, 28-2-12-0, 29-2-12-0, 30-2-12-0).  
Manjrekar (w 1) 1-0-10-0.

| INDIA                             |    | 50 | 40  | 30 | 20 | 10 | 0 |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|---|
| R J Shastri c Atherton b Hemmings | 33 | 3  | 32  | 55 |    |    |   |
| N J Sidhu b Small                 | 23 | 3  | 38  | 27 |    |    |   |
| S B Menzies b Russell b Hemmings  | 59 | 4  | 114 | 94 |    |    |   |
| D B Vengalwar b Lewis             | 54 | 2  | 63  | 91 |    |    |   |
| *M Azharuddin not out             | 26 | 4  | 39  | 22 |    |    |   |
| S R Tendulkar not out             | 15 | 1  | 14  | 15 |    |    |   |

Extras (b 3, w 6) 9  
Total (4 wickets, 46 overs) 221  
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-59, 3-105, 4-158.  
BOWLING: Small 9-0-54-1 (w 2) (3-0-30-1, 4-0-30-1, 5-0-30-1, 6-0-30-1, 7-0-30-1, 8-0-30-1, 9-0-30-1, 10-0-30-1, 11-0-30-1, 12-0-30-1, 13-0-30-1, 14-0-30-1, 15-0-30-1, 16-0-30-1, 17-0-30-1, 18-0-30-1, 19-0-30-1, 20-0-30-1, 21-0-30-1, 22-0-30-1, 23-0-30-1, 24-0-30-1, 25-0-30-1, 26-0-30-1, 27-0-30-1, 28-0-30-1, 29-0-30-1, 30-0-30-1).  
Umpires: M J Kitchen and D R Shepherd.

exceptionally well and Small gave them an inauspicious start by conceding 12 in a stray opening over. He looked tired and disorientated and it would be a kindness to leave him out for a while.

Small did at least divide the openers, bringing one back through Sidhu's defence to end a jaunty stand of 42 and the containing skills of Fraser and Hemmings then successfully slowed the gallop to a trot. The becalmed Shastri hit out fatally against Hemmings and, if Gooch had hung on to a slip catch offered by Manjrekar off Fraser with the score 79, England would have been on top.

Vengalwar, back after injury, is no stranger to pacing a run-chase after 127 of these



Salute to a century: Smith, all muscle and strut, signalling his second one-day 100

Hick not lured by bait from Tavaré

By JOHN WOODCOCK

WORCESTER (final day of three): Worcestershire (4th) drew with Somerset (5)

NOTHING came of this match at New Road yesterday. Whether it would or not was always likely to depend upon Somerset's declaration, and Worcestershire's reaction to it, and in the event Worcestershire were not interested in a target of 340 in a minimum of 50 overs.

Both sides, it is thought, were overcautious. Although yesterday the ball would turn, Tavaré may have been worried that Hick would do as he did in the corresponding match last year, when, in a similar situation, he let Worcestershire to victory. This time, however, Hick never committed himself to an all-out assault, any more than Somerset had when they batted at least until Rose came in.

When played like this for three days, even more so for four, cricket becomes really rather pointless. We saw this earlier in the season when the sun was shining and the pitches were mercilessly good. Now, well into July, Somerset's first six batsmen are averaging between 65.5 and 82.6, and Hick has done them no good of their first 13 championship matches. They have won only one.

When Rosebuck was out yesterday he had batted for 174 hours since his previous dismissal. For those who may be wondering how many runs anyone has scored without getting out, it is someone you are unlikely to have heard of. In 1947-48, C. H. Blythe made 709 for Somerset, scored over 100 runs in 13 matches, before he died.

Here at Worcester the fiercest battle of the ball on either side - Rose of Somerset - took strike for the first time, in a match which was a cricket stalemate only after lunch on the third day. He then made an unbeaten 44 in 25 balls. Watching him do so it was not difficult to see how he came to take 110 off Devon in 40 balls.

Of the Worcestershire bowlers, yesterday's best was Tolley for having Cook caught at extra cover off a well-disguised slower ball and to Lampitt for taking a wicket in three successive overs after only seven balls in the 233 overs before lunch.

Stumpy Cook has agreed to stay with Somerset for a third and final year, having been given leave of absence by his university for the 1991 season, which will be his last in English cricket.

## Stephenson stays defiant in duel

By RICHARD STREETON

PORTSMOUTH (final day of three): Hampshire (24pts) beat Nottinghamshire (4) by eight wickets

FRANKLYN Stephenson scored a defiant 88 not out yesterday, the highest score in the match, before Hampshire completed their anticipated victory. Marshall took the remaining four Nottinghamshire wickets to finish with five for 64, which gave him nine wickets.

Hampshire were left to make 84 to complete a win, which kept them within striking range of the leading group in the championship. Gaps in the fixture list and rain have meant that Hampshire have played little championship cricket for six weeks. At full strength, they look capable of extending any side.

Stephenson claimed 56 of the

further 97 Nottinghamshire scored. He had a dramatic duel with Marshall, who sustained control and pace for 11 consecutive overs. Twice Marshall rapped Stephenson on the hand and several times he forced the batsman to duck. More than once, though, Stephenson retaliated with firm drives and pulls.

Stephenson had hit 14 fours when the Nottinghamshire innings ended just before lunch. French gave him the most help before he was leg-before. Evans was caught behind and Cooper held at first slip.

Marshall returned at the opposite end and he used earlier and he dismissed Afford with his first ball. Hampshire then lost Middleton and Nicholas as they completed their straightforward task 40 minutes before tea.

## Lloyd leaves Lancashire in pursuit of the improbable

By IVO TENNANT

COVENTRY: Warwickshire (7pts) drew with Lancashire (7)

WARWICKSHIRE left Lancashire to make 299 off a minimum of 39 overs yesterday, which smacked neither of generosity nor regard for their own attack. The result was all too predictable, sufficient wickets falling in a brief attacking flurry for Lancashire to need to fall back on defence.

Having heard that both Middlesex and Hampshire had won, Lancashire needed no encouragement to have a go. Not to do so would have been foreign to their game. So Fowler threw the bat at Munton from the first over, off-driving for four and swatting him for six. After Watkinson was out, Wasim Akram and Fairbrother followed the example.

Warwickshire had declared as soon as Moin reached his century, a one-paced innings that took him nearly five hours. Moody had batted with greater freedom, excelling with his driving through the covers. This brought him 18 fours, and he was just four runs short of a century when attempting to force Hughes, he was caught at the wicket.

The tame ending did not obscure that, for 2½ days at least, this had been a worthy contest at a venue which will be used again by Warwickshire.

There was, incidentally, one individual here who saw the last county match on this ground in 1919, Sir Edmund Leggins, now president of the Coventry and North Warwickshire club.

Fowler struck four more fours before holing out to deep in the sixth over. He was dismissed by a half-century off 40 balls with the plan we have come to expect of him, was bowled by Pearson. Thereafter Warwickshire crowded the bat without further success until, with five overs remaining and five wickets standing, stumps were drawn.

Warwickshire had declared as soon as Moin reached his century, a one-paced innings that took him nearly five hours. Moody had batted with greater freedom, excelling with his driving through the covers. This brought him 18 fours, and he was just four runs short of a century when attempting to force Hughes, he was caught at the wicket.

## Hardie speeds victory

By JACK BAILEY

COLCHESTER: Essex (24pts) beat Derbyshire (4) by nine wickets

ESSEX took little more than eight overs to score the 43 remaining runs lying between them and their second successive championship win. The runs came at a run a minute against Bishop and Base, but it was no joyride. Bishop was all bustling hostility, especially as he sensed Stephenson's passive vulnerability against the fast rising ball, and Hardie's impudent pugnacity was of immense value to his team.

Hardie saw little sense in "getting them in singles". A mixture of strokes, some orthodox, some outrageous, some involuntary, kept Base at full stretch both physically and verbally. Hardie took the fight to Bishop after the Derbyshire fast bowler had removed Stephenson, caught by Krikken off a lifter.

Hardie hit five fours, including one back over Bishop's head which was as refreshing as it was audacious, coming as it did immediately after Stephenson's dismissal. Shahid's cover drive for four to win the match was an appropriate end.

## Middlesex gather title momentum

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

MIDDLESEX increased their lead at the head of the Britannic Assurance championship to 29 points by completing a comprehensive seven-wicket victory over Yorkshire at Uxbridge yesterday. With at least one game in hand on all their closest rivals, Mike Gatting's side are in a strong position with half of their fixtures still to play.

Middlesex used virtually a three-man attack to dispose of Yorkshire, for 19 of the 20 wickets were shared by Williams, Embury and Tuffnell. Williams got rid of both Blackie and Robinson, the only two batsmen to offer serious resistance in the Yorkshire second innings and finished with four for 43.

Keith Brown took four catches at short leg as Yorkshire were dismissed for 192, leaving Middlesex only 96 to win, a target achieved with well over an hour to spare.

With Fraser their only player likely to be required by England for the remainder of this season, Middlesex, the only unbeaten team in the table, are well placed to take the title for the fourth time in ten years.

The Kent batsmen, taking

their cue for makeshift opener Richard Davis, who scored 41 of an opening stand of 131 with Hinks, saved the game against Northamptonshire, with some extra runs following on 162 in arrears.

Chris Cowdrey, who arrived at the crease with Kent still 11 behind, ended Northamptonshire's hopes with a sensibly paced innings. He was unbeaten with 107, his first century of the season, and he was guided to a token declaration at 305 for four, having hit a six and 17 fours from 158 balls.

Surrey's declaration at Guildford, which asked Sussex to make 254 in 44 overs, looked a stiff one in the light of the slow pace of the play on the first two days. Indeed Surrey had needed 60 overs to score 221 for three in their second innings, despite the obvious need to press on towards a declaration.

However, the Sussex batsmen made a mockery of what had gone before, racing home, by seven wickets with two balls to spare. Neil Lenham was unbeaten with 109 at the end of the chase, having shared partnership of 90 in 13 overs with his captain, Paul Parker, and 92 in ten overs with Allan Wells.

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## YESTERDAY'S BRITANNIC ASSURANCE SCOREBOARDS

Worcs v Somerset

WORCESTER (final day of three): Worcestershire (4pts) drew with Somerset (5)

SOMERSET: First innings 309 for 3 dnc (P M Rosebuck 201 not out, A N Hayhurst 115, C T Tavaré 54, Bowling: Newport 19-1-70, Tolley 26-4-44, Radford 12-0-63, Hemmings 7-2-0-0, Hemmings 38-7-52, Hick 3-0-12-0).

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Warwicks v Lancs

COVENTRY (final day of three): Warwickshire (7pts) drew with Lancashire (7)

WARWICKSHIRE: First innings 339 for 7 dnc (P A Smith 85, D A Reeves 70).

Second innings  
A J Mole not out 100  
T A Lloyd b Wasim Akram 6  
M J Gower not out 6  
T M Moody c Higgs b Hughes 96  
D P Carter c Moin b Hughes 19  
Extras (b 5, lb 7, nb 14) 26  
Total (4 wickets dec) 258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-31, 3-189, 4-236.

BOWLING: Moin 10-1-31-0, Wasim Akram 10-3-18-0, Phipps 15-2-44-0, Hughes 15-4-54-2, Jesty 1-0-7-0.

Lancashire: First innings 332 for 8 dnc (M H Fairbrother 200 not out).

Second innings



Doug Sanders looks back at the chance of a lifetime he missed at St Andrews

# Two putts from the Open title

By BOB DRUM

(Former golf correspondent of the Pittsburgh Press)

ST ANDREWS may be renowned as the home of golf, but for Doug Sanders, it will always be remembered as the place where he missed the chance of a lifetime.

Twenty years ago, Sanders arrived at St Andrews as an outsider for the Open Championship. In 1966, he had finished second to Jack Nicklaus in the Open at Muirfield, but since then, injuries and fast living had taken their toll.

Nevertheless, in 1970, he reached the 72nd green with two putts for the title. His first effort finished short, leaving him with a three-foot downhill putt, still for the championship. He missed it, and went on to lose the play-off with Nicklaus by a stroke.

Sanders was recently asked if he ever thought about the putt that lost the Open. "I never stopped thinking about it, even after I lost the play-off," he said. "I replayed the shot mentally and never once missed."

"Actually, I never should have had to make that putt," he said. "I pitched the ball to the 18th green and that was the wrong shot. In the play-off, I had almost the identical shot and played a bump and knocked the ball four feet from the hole. That night, I slept well — I made out that I had birdied the hole the day before and won the Open."

"Every time the British Open from St Andrews is on television, I replay the putt for four days. I never miss it. But it's just as well. I may have had to change my lifestyle. Imagine me in a bowler hat and a tweed coat playing in tournaments. I would have been locked up."

Sanders had divided into the winner's circle with a splash. As an amateur, he beat all the professionals in the Canadian Open in 1956. As a professional, he had a distinguished career that featured



Sitting comfortably: Doug Sanders, who missed his chance to win the Open in 1970, at home in Houston, Texas

one of the worst-looking swings ever to appear on a golf course.

It was said that you could stand a couple of feet behind Sanders and not be hit by his backswing. His club did not go back more than hip-high.

But Sanders was oblivious of criticism about his golf game, or his personal life. "If

those guys loafed with me after dark, they not only could not play, they wouldn't show up," he said. "In fact, I have a helluva time myself."

Sanders had one habit that none of his peers could deny: he surrounded himself with beautiful women. He tried marriage a couple of times, but unlike his golf swing, matrimony did not

work until he met his present wife.

Jimmy Demaret was the first golfer to wear outlandish colours, but Sanders took the idea to extremes. His colours were loud and clear, and even his socks and shoes matched his outfits.

Sanders has his own US PGA Senior Tour tournament

in Houston and, this year, President Bush was a participant in the pro-am.

Wherever he is this week, Sanders will not regret his lifestyle and his days as the rollicking, overdressed golfer with a swing that is not taught by any teacher. But he can't help remembering that short putt that cost him enduring fame.

## YACHTING

### Old rivals shape up for rematch

By BARRY PICKTHALL

FOUR former Whitbread maxi heads a 63-strong fleet that sets out from Brighton this morning to compete in the inaugural race to Porto Sherry in Spain. Prime interest in this 1,100-mile event for the Brent Walker Cup is the

rematch between the two boats that sailed to victory in the 1984 Whitbread, the former British Defender. Now in the capable hands of Harold Cudmore, this Martin Francis design which suffered a succession of breakages culminating in her dismasting during the last stage of the race across the Atlantic from Fort Lauderdale, has been completely revamped for this new challenge.

Renamed Brent Walker, the anchor chain from the boat completely to lessen weight and improve their performance. The Irishman has also enrolled the talented services of Neil Cheston and Vincent Geake, from Rothmans. Joe English, the skipper of the Irish Whitbread entry, NCB, and the former Finn Olympic sailor, Stuart Childerly, to strengthen a team that also includes George Walker and John Bourke, the chairman of the Offshore Racing Council.

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## Cox earns international call

By PETER AYKROYD

DAVID Cox, of Liverpool, the national No. 4, will represent Britain in the men's international team at the Goodwill Games in Seattle, which began yesterday. He joins Sarah Mercer, the British champion, who was picked for the women's international team in March.

Cox, aged 19, was in the England squad which won the team silver medal at this year's Commonwealth Games. He was also reserve for Britain at the

European championships at Lausanne in May. Mercer, aged 16, captured the British title in March and took the individual title at the World Championships at Breda in May. She has recently switched clubs from Leatherhead to Park Olympic, Telford.

The competition consists of free exercises in team and individual events. The teams of four world-class gymnasts, one from each of the leading nations, together with the two

international teams. The seven countries in the men's competition are the Soviet Union, China, Japan, Romania, East Germany, Hungary and the United States.

In the international teams, Cox will compete with Kalofer Hristov, of Bulgaria, Miguel Angel Rubio, of Spain, and Louis Lopez, of Mexico, while Mercer will perform with Milena Mavrodieva, of Bulgaria, Eva Rueda, of Spain, and Henrietta Onodi, of Hungary.

## Princess queries ethics

THE Princess Royal yesterday spoke of her concern for ethics in both the coaching and scientific research of international sport (John Goodbody writes).

The Princess said the code of conduct of the British Institute of Sports Coaches could "well reflect the value of sportsmanship" on subjects like drugs and violence.

The Princess, opening the annual world convention of the International Association for Physical Education in Higher

Education at Loughborough University, said that although she was not a scientist, she was concerned about the ethics of some research. She was not specific.

The Princess also wondered how much stress should be put on children. She said that too many people felt that too many schools were trying to outdo each other rather than teaching. But it was possible to have good results and a better sense of identity.

Driving the turbo-charged 3.5-litre V6 JZR-11 cars will be Martin Brundle, Jan Lammers and Andy Wallace, who will be joined by Alain Ferte.

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**Other sport**  
ANGLING: River Nene, Peterborough.  
ATLETICS: Midlands League meeting (Perry Barr).  
CRICKET: Open championships (Huntingham).  
TODAY  
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: CA 9.25-10.30am.  
BASEBALL: Screenport 2.30-4.30pm. 1.0-3.0pm and 6.30-8.0pm. Highlights of the day CA 3.05-4.00pm. The 3.15, 3.45, 4.15 and 4.45 races from Newmarket. Screenport 5.0-10.0pm. The Irish Cup from the Curragh.  
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## CYCLING

# LeMond to catch Italian in time trial

From JOHN WILCOCKSON, LIMOGES, FRANCE

ASSUMING that Greg LeMond races according to his normal form today, he will become only the sixth cyclist in history to win a third Tour de France. To achieve this distinction, the 29-year-old American has to beat Claudio Chiappucci, of Italy, by at least five seconds in the penultimate stage, a 28.5-mile time trial around the Lac de Vassivière, 35 miles east of Limoges.

Chiappucci, aged 27, was one of four riders allowed to gain more than 10 minutes in the first stage of the race. The other three men dropped out of the overall picture during the first two weeks, but Chiappucci rode strongly in the Alps and took over the yellow jersey at Villard-de-Lans, nine days ago.

Since then, the Italian has conceded all but five seconds of the 7min 27sec lead he held over LeMond at Villard. Riding more strongly than in any of his previous four Tours de France, LeMond has emerged as the dominating character of this year's event.

However, when asked yesterday by how much he expected to beat Chiappucci in the time trial, LeMond would not commit himself. Referring to his final showdown with Laurent Fignon, of France, last year — in which LeMond came from 50 seconds behind to win by eight seconds — the blond-haired American replied: "Fignon made the mistake last year of saying that 20 seconds was a big enough lead for him to keep the yellow jersey. I'm not making any predictions. I'll just ride the time trial to the best of my ability."

Even though LeMond has yet to show his best time trialing form in this Tour — the finished fifth in each of the previous tests — he finished ahead of Chiappucci on each occasion. LeMond also has a further psychological advantage over his Italian rival in that he won the last time trial

to be held on the Vassivière circuit, in the 1985 Tour.

It is possible that, after wearing the yellow jersey for a week, that Chiappucci will crack today. If that happens, it is possible that he could even lose second place to either Erik Breukink or Pedro Delgado, who are respectively 3min 21sec and 3min 34sec behind Chiappucci on overall time.

With the race leaders focusing their attention on the time trial, there was another chance for the also-rans to grab some attention yesterday. And, on yet another day of 90 temperatures, Guido Bontempi earned Italy its fifth stage win of the race.

Bontempi, who won three stages of the 1986 Tour, has lost much of his springing speed that earned him his previous successes. As a result, he tried a surprise tactic — a solo attack — when he found himself with a break away group of 19 riders, three minutes ahead of the pack, with 20 miles of the 114-mile stage remaining.

The chase was taken up by Dag-Otto Lauritzen, the Norwegian champion, but he was just unable to catch the 30-year-old Italian. Six other riders came up to Lauritzen, including his Canadian team mate Steve Bauer. But Bontempi was by now more than one minute clear, and rode strongly into Limoges to earn a well-merited victory.

Lauritzen again broke clear of the others, to take second place. After congratulations from his 17-Eleven team manager, disappointed Lauritzen replied: "But it wasn't first."

Today, LeMond is likely to be first, and should ride into Paris tomorrow to take his third Tour de France title.

● PARIS: A police brigadier, Christian Villemin, aged 44, died yesterday after being struck by a car while directing traffic during the Tour de France (AP reports).

## TOUR DE FRANCE DETAILS

**NINETEENTH STAGE** (Castillon to Battelle, 113 miles). G. LeMond (US), 2h 10m 25s; C. Chiappucci (IT), 2h 10m 30s; D. Lauritzen (NO), 2h 10m 35s; P. Delgado (ES), 2h 10m 40s; S. Bauer (CA), 2h 10m 45s; L. Fignon (FR), 2h 10m 50s; E. Breukink (NL), 2h 11m 00s; P. Delgado (ES), 2h 11m 05s; S. Bauer (CA), 2h 11m 10s; L. Fignon (FR), 2h 11m 15s; E. Breukink (NL), 2h 11m 20s; P. Delgado (ES), 2h 11m 25s; S. Bauer (CA), 2h 11m 30s; L. Fignon (FR), 2h 11m 35s; E. Breukink (NL), 2h 11m 40s; P. Delgado (ES), 2h 11m 45s; S. Bauer (CA), 2h 11m 50s; L. Fignon (FR), 2h 11m 55s; E. Breukink (NL), 2h 12m 00s; P. Delgado (ES), 2h 12m 05s; S. Bauer (CA), 2h 12m 10s; L. Fignon (FR), 2h 12m 15s; E. Breukink (NL), 2h 12m 20s; P. Delgado (ES), 2h 12m 25s; S. Bauer (CA), 2h 12m 30s; L. Fignon (FR), 2h 12m 35s; E. Breukink (NL), 2h 12m 40s; P. Delgado (ES), 2h 12m 45s; S. Bauer (CA), 2h 12m 50s; L. Fignon (FR), 2h 12m 55s; E. Breukink (NL), 2h 13m 00s; P. Delgado (ES), 2h 13m 05s; S. 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WILLIE Carson can take Newbury by storm this afternoon by winning the first three races on Bravefoot (2.0), Kafiyah (2.30) and Mull House (3.0).

Those who watch racing regularly on the Berkshire track will have seen Mull House win twice there already this season. Now I expect the Kembridge Computers Trophy to provide him with his third successive victory.

When he was successful at the last meeting the John Sutcliffe-trained three-year-old showed that today's extended 13 furlongs holds no terrors for him as he finished really well to get up and pip the consistent Totahm in the last few strides.

Before that, Mull House had shown improved form to beat the in-form Black Sapphire over a mile and three furlongs. On that running he is still entitled to beat the third horse, Chambers.

From a victory of three, Henry Cecil has finally decided to run Applecross, who was put to rout by Cruising Light in the Warwick Oaks after winning her first two races, at Wolverhampton and Nottingham.

If you fancy Applecross, you must give the bottom-weight Clare Court a big chance too because the handicapper has allowed her 24lb for the eight lengths that she was behind Applecross at Warwick.

Carson can begin by winning the Donnington Castle Stakes for Dick Hern on Bravefoot. The same jockey-trainer combination captured the title three years ago with that smart colt Emmison.

When Bravefoot put his sire Dancing Brave out the stations' map by winning at Newmarket 11 days ago, he created a good impression.

Kafiyah, Carson's ride in the Manion Rose Bowl Stakes, would appear to have a harder task now that she is pitted against Final Deed, Ivory Bride and the promising St Patrick's Day, but she too created a fine impression when making a winning debut

at Newbury yesterday.

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Finally, Performing Arts, who was fifth in the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot after finishing third in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, has the necessary class to win the Land Of Burns Fillies Stakes at Ayr.



Carson: teams up with the impressive Bravefoot over today's course and distance last month.

Now her form has been doubly boosted, firstly by Only Yours, who finished third, coming out again and beating Imperfect Circle, that much fancied half-sister to Chimes Of Freedom, at Newmarket, and secondly, Lee Artiste, who finished runner-up to her, won the Chatteris Hill Maiden Fillies' Stakes de-

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run in the race won by Polar Bird at the end of the first day of the July meeting, is taken to enjoy better fortune in the Food Brokers-Fisherman's Friend Handicap.

Regal Sabre, who was a promising third behind Act Of Diplomacy here nine days ago, is taken to thwart the second newcomer Caspian Beluga in the Primula Maiden Stakes.

By the time that Sara Cumani weighs out to ride Crack in the Food Brokers Plax Stakes for amateur riders the form of her mount should look even better for Virelai winning the Tryton Foods Yorkshire Pudding Maiden Stakes at Ripon.

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### Selections

By Mandarin

- 2.00 Bravefoot.
- 2.30 Kafiyah.
- 3.00 Mull House.
- 3.30 Demonstrable.
- 4.00 STAPLEFORD MANOR (nap).
- 4.30 Our Freddie.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

- 2.00 Cascareaway.
- 2.30 Ivory Bride.
- 3.00 Sundar.
- 3.30 Millionaire's Row.
- 4.00 STAPLEFORD MANOR (nap).
- 4.30 Princess Caerleon.

By Michael Seely

- 2.00 Bravefoot.
- 2.30 Mull House.
- 3.00 Ujjahad.
- The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 MADAME DUBOIS.

## Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (7) 0-6432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,F,F,A,B) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Half 9-10-0 B West (4) 88  
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### Going: good to firm

Draw: high numbers have slight advantage up to 1m straight

2.0 DONNINGTON CASTLE STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings: £8,616: 7f) (BBC1)

- 101 (5) 1 BRAVEFOOT 11 (D) (Lord Rothwell) W Harn 9-2 W Carson 88
- 102 (3) 1234 JIMS WISH 12 (F) (P) M Usher 9-2 G Butler 82
- 103 (2) 1285 ANNIKA NUAGES 28 (C) (R) R Akhurst 8-12 G Butler 82
- 104 (1) 1286 SELF EXPRESSION 28 (C) (R) R Akhurst 8-12 G Butler 82
- 105 (4) 06 CASTLECAIRN 14 (A) (Richards) C Brittain 8-9 R Cockburn 88
- 106 (8) 06 EMILLEN (P) Allen D Wilson 8-9 R Cockburn 88

BETTING: 15-8 Bravefoot, 5-1 Self Expression, 5-1 Annika Nuages, 6-1 Jims Wish, 7-1 Castlecairn, 20-1 Emillen.

1989: SOBER MIND 9-8 M Roberts (5-1) P Kellaway 8-9

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## 3.0 KERRIDGE COMPUTERS TROPHY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £11,550: 1m) (BBC1)

5f 60yds (10 runners)

- 301 (2) 112 APPOINTMENT 18 (F) (R) David White H Cecil 9-7 S Causton 88
- 302 (1) 0241 PABSTO 14 (C) (S) Gordon White H Cecil 9-7 S Causton 88
- 303 (3) 051 SUNDAR 15 (F) (L) David White H Cecil 9-7 S Causton 88
- 304 (4) 41205 BOKKAGE 12 (F) (M) R Walekord D Stewart 8-7 S O'Donnell 82
- 305 (1) 05-01 WEST WITH THE WIND 12 (F) (M) R Walekord D Stewart 8-7 S O'Donnell 82
- 306 (2) 2182 ROYAL HUNTER 21 (F) (S) J Dunlop J Dunlop 8-7 S O'Donnell 82
- 307 (1) 01-0111 MULL HOUSE 25 (C,D,F) (M) B Fawcett J Sutcliffe 8-5 W Carson 88
- 308 (3) 35-12 CHAMBERS 24 (F) (D) Chambers J Hills 8-4 R Hills 86
- 309 (1) 0-14122 YEMASSEE 28 (F) (S) Chambers J Hills 8-4 R Hills 86
- 310 (2) 321-13 CLARE COURT 28 (F) (S) (P) Melford J Bolding 7-11 G Wood 82

BETTING: 7-2 Mull House, 5-1 Sundar, 13-2 Applcross, 7-1 Pabst, 8-1 Royal Hunter, 9-1 Chambers, 14-1 Yemassee, 14-1 West With The Wind, 25-1 Bookage.

1989: ALI MAMER 8-12 M Roberts (5-1) A Stewart 8-9

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On the eve of the world show jumping championships in Stockholm, Jenny MacArthur talks to Michael and John Whitaker

# Brothers in harness to meet challenge

JOHN and Michael Whitaker, the most successful pair of show-jumping brothers since the d'Inzeos in the 1960s, face one of the toughest challenges of their careers when they compete in the British team at the World Equestrian Games in Stockholm, which open on Tuesday.

A record 16 teams are contesting the gruelling three-round show jumping championships. Britain's task is to reverse the placings at the last world championships, in 1986, when they took the silver medal behind the United States.

The Whitakers, as well as forming the backbone of the team — as they have done at the last three European championships, winning the gold medal at each — carry Britain's hopes for individual honours.

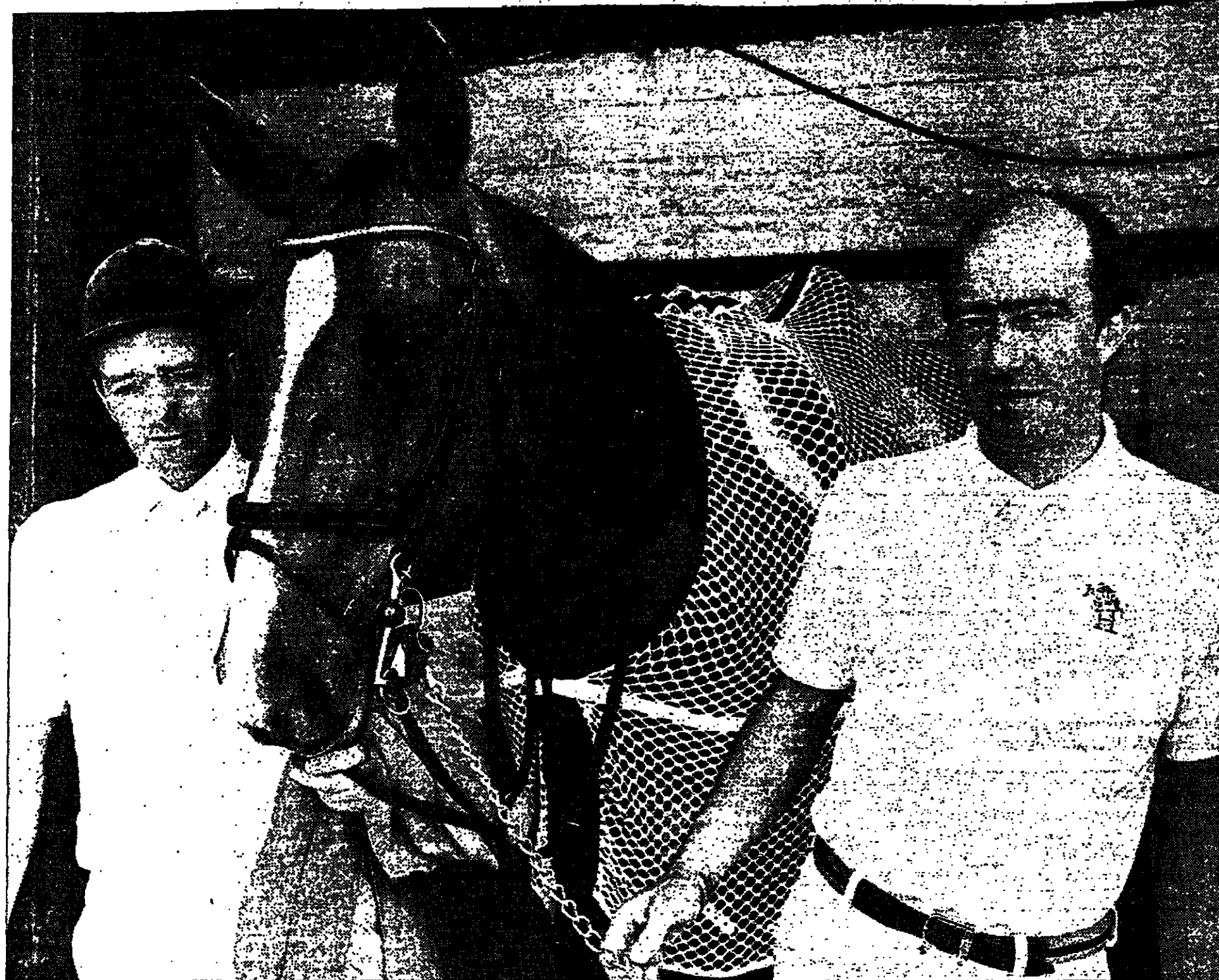
John, the reigning European champion and the holder of the World Cup, will start as the favourite with Henderson Milton. Michael, riding Henderson Monsanto, may prove one of his brother's main rivals if he repeats the form he showed at the European championships last year in Rotterdam, where he took the silver medal behind John.

If either succeeds in becoming world champion, the other will be delighted. Rivalry is strictly confined to the arena. Talking in Dublin earlier this week about their careers, John, who, aged 35, is five years older than Michael, said: "Even though I won in Rotterdam, I was disappointed for Michael." For his younger brother, who came close to winning the gold, "it was a bitter disappointment... but if I was going to be beaten by anyone, I would rather it was by John."

Few would doubt their sincerity. In a sport which has its fair share of dissemblers, the Whitaker brothers' fair-mindedness and courteous manner would single them out even without their superior skills in the saddle.

The similarities do not end there: physically, both are slight, riding at under ten-and-a-half stone; neither speaks more than is necessary; and both have a blunt Yorkshire sense of humour. They have also both married within the sport, Michael to the former Belgian show jumper, Veronique Vastapane, and John to Claire Barr, whose father, Malcolm Barr, owned John's former top horse, Ryan's Son.

Though the brothers share the same will to win, they achieve their successes with very different styles. To watch John in the ring is to see show jumping at its gentlest, but most effective. "He's a quiet rider than me," Michael reflected. "He is very controlled and steady. I'm a forward rider," John confirmed this, saying: "Michael is



Double act: show jumping's most successful brothers, John and Michael Whitaker, with their horse, Henderson Didi, completing their preparations in Ireland

better on a horse that needs pushing on — I'm better on one where you just sit."

Both have found appropriate horses. With Henderson Milton, John has already forged a near-legendary partnership. In the four years they have been together, they have won nearly £300,000, which is a record in the sport. Although Milton is now aged 12, John believes he is still improving. "I feel I've got him more consistent this year, which I am pleased

about," he said. "He has only had two fences down since the World Cup in April."

Although Stockholm will be the best chance John is likely to have of winning a world championship, nothing shakes his placid outlook. "I'm treating the world championships as they come," he said. "If you set your sights too high each time, you get disappointed. Horses are not machines, you have to try and get them right physically and mentally."

Both brothers have had their share of disappointments. For John, his last-minute exclusion from the 1976 Olympic team with Ryan's Son still rankles. Twelve years later, he was similarly frustrated when Henderson Milton's owners, Mr and Mrs Tom Bradley, declined to let the horse go to the Seoul Olympics.

For Michael, few disappointments can compare with Los Angeles in 1984, when, riding Amanda, he had the individual

gold medal in sight until the horse suddenly stopped jumping in the final round. It was a disaster, however, which his mother, Enid Whitaker, puts into perspective. "What was marvellous was that Michael ever got Amanda to Los Angeles, she was a difficult horse."

The Irish-bred Monsanto, who Michael rides in Stockholm, is also a difficult horse, but responds well to Michael's aggressive style of riding. "Michael will never settle for second place," Enid

Whitaker, who taught the boys to ride on the old milk pony at the family farm near Huddersfield, said. "He always tries to beat the time however impossible." It is a policy which has stood him in good stead, most notably last year in Calgary, where he and Henderson Monsanto won the £90,000 Calgary grand prix, the richest prize in showjumping.

The brothers' adaptability should help them if they reach the final round for the individual

## JOHN WHITAKER

Born: Aug 5 1955.  
Lives: Upper Cumberworth, West Yorkshire. Married to Claire (née Barr) with two daughters and a son.

Major successes: 1976: National champion, 1980: Team and individual silver, 1982: Team bronze, world championships, 1983: Team and individual silver, European championships, 1984: Team silver, Olympic Games (all Ryan's Son), 1985: Team gold and individual silver, European championships, 1986: Team silver, world championships (all Hobbscochy), 1987: Team gold and individual silver, European championships, 1988: Team and individual gold, European championships, 1990: Winner of the World Cup (all Milton).

## MICHAEL WHITAKER

Born: March 17 1960.  
Lives: Kettlethorpe, Cheshire. Married to Veronique (née Vastapane).

Major successes: 1976: Team bronze, junior European championships (Benson), 1978: Team gold, junior European championships (Brother Scott), 1984: National champion (Amanda), 1985: Team gold, European championships (Warren Point), 1986: Team silver, world championships (Warren Point), 1987: Team gold, European championships (Amanda), 1988: Team gold and individual silver, European championships (Monsanto), 1990: Winner of Calgary Grand Prix (Monsanto), 1990: National champion (My Monseur).

world championships title, where the top four riders have to ride each other's horses. The controversial formula, which proved the undoing of Pierre Durand at the last world championships, holds no fears for either brother. "We've ridden different horses all our lives," John said. "There wasn't much money around when we were children, and we just had to accept rides on anything."

Before that final round on August 5, the last day of the Games, there are three tough competitions to be completed, including a two-round Nations Cup event to decide the team competition. John is optimistic about the chances of the team in which David Broome, the 1970 world champion, and Nick Skelton make up the four. "We all know each other well and our personalities mesh well together," he explained. "David is the most experienced and helps us all. Nick's the most flamboyant one. Michael and I calm him down, but then he can sharpen us up a little. I think we're a good team... a confident one."

For Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, it is the presence of the two Whitaker boys which gives him confidence. "I wouldn't want to be going to Stockholm without them. They have the flair, the magic, the knowledge and the capabilities in the world. They're the most level-headed chaps for the job."

## Champagne day out at the home of British yachting

THE Times today presents a competition which offers the opportunity to win a day out at the Cowes Regatta on Saturday, August 11.

In conjunction with Champagne Mumm, the sponsor of the biennial Admiral's Cup series, we have a competition for the winner and a companion: travel to and from Cowes, overnight accommodation on August 10 and 11, and a full



day of first-class hospitality at one of the great occasions of the British sporting summer. Our winner will enjoy a close-up view of the action

### ENTRY FORM

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from the "Admiral's enclosure" next to the Royal Yacht Squadron on the Esplanade at Cowes, and there will be a champagne reception, lunch and tea.

To enter, study the questions below, complete the entry form and send it to Champagne Mumm competition, Sports Department, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN, to arrive by Monday, July 30. The winner will be the sender of the first entry drawn from those received by the closing date.

### THE QUESTIONS

- Which country won the Admiral's Cup in 1989?
- Name Britain's two yachting gold medal winners at the 1988 Olympic Games.
- When did the Royal Yacht Club at Cowes become the Royal Yacht Squadron?
- Who is the president of the RYA (Royal Yachting Association)?
- Which country had the first two yachts in the Whitbread Round the World Race which finished in the Solent in May?

ONE of the finest moments in any sport takes place tomorrow at around 5.30pm at St Andrews. The winner of the 119th Open Championship will be acclaimed as he walks down the 18th fairway. No matter who is the favourite of the crowd, they will cheer. Best of all, the commentator will let the cheers do the talking for him.

Peter Alliss, for it will be he, leads the BBC team, which dominates the Grandstands of today (BBC1, 12.30) and tomorrow (BBC2, 1.25). Many consider Alliss the finest commentator at work today. While his colleagues, Alex Hay and Bruce Critchley, among others, provide a low-key style, Alliss leads them all with ease.

Despite retiring from playing the game before the big money arrived, Alliss sees it without the dreaded "Of course, the game's not as good as in my day" attitude. Save a few justified gripes at the slow play of the professionals, he is kind to them all and does not begrudge them their fortunes. The few words of criticism will be balanced with reassuring words to those whose poor putting matches his own.

Is it just coincidence that golf, with its slower pace of play and easily definable tactics, has commentators who know when to talk and, probably most importantly of all on television, when to keep quiet. Or is it just the calibre of

## Alliss is the man for the moment at St Andrews

their rivals in other sports? Alliss and company will guide you round the course, pointing out the shot to play, why a player did not end up with the shot he wanted, and much more besides.

If the Open signifies the beginning of the end of the traditional high spots of summer sport — Wimbledon, Henley, the Derby and the World Cup finals are all behind us — cricket continues unabated.

The Indians play England on Thursday in the first Test match (BBC2, 10.50am) at Lord's. The home of cricket has the biggest signboard in the world at the Nursery End, and something no less remarkable at the Pavilion End. Geoffrey Boycott and Raymond Illingworth will be side-

### SPORT ON TV: THE WEEK IN VIEW

RICHARD WETHERELL'S guide to the best in televised sport in the week ahead

by-side in the BBC commentary box.

There are some, given the troubles in Yorkshire during the 1970s between Boycott and Illingworth, who would have thought it impossible that these two would share the same town, let alone the same small commentary booth.

"The Master" or "Sir Geoffrey", take your pick, owes his place back in the BBC team, where he did some stunts when

### THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: The third round of the Open from St Andrews, with Nick Faldo hoping to add to his collection of titles (BBC1, 12 noon).

TOMORROW: Thousands of kilometres and millions of spectators later, the Tour de France ends in Paris (Channel 4, 5.30pm).

THURSDAY: The young Indian side meet England, fresh from their first home series win since 1985 (BBC2, 10.50am).

FRIDAY: The always-interesting On the Line programme, with a look at the lack of sporting opportunities for Asian sportswomen (BBC2, 8.25pm).

still a player, to some scintillating performances in the West Indies. Ever the perfectionist, he brings the game to the viewer, and if some find his views somewhat dogmatic, perhaps a quick look at his record will suggest that he does know what he's talking about. Watch out for his catchphrase "It's what we call in cricket..."

His insight into opening the batting against the West Indies pace attack in the blistering heat was so incisive, you wondered what makes players want to play them at all.

Both Boycott and Illingworth, despite their ages, have played first-class cricket fairly recently, and it shows. There is a string of common-sense observations, coupled with the odd barbed phrase. If they repeat themselves a bit, bear in mind one thing: they are from Yorkshire.

India's viewpoint will be put by another great opening batsman, Sunil Gavaskar, who beat Boycott's record for the number of Test match runs. His comments are rather like his batting. Safe and assured, he frequently fires off an unexpected shot that reaches the boundary.

Joining them in the box will be Jack Bannister, another who knows what modern players go through, thanks to his secretary of the Cricketers' Association, and Richie Benaud. They are likely to have a lot of runs to describe, something that should please Boycott and Gavaskar, with Tendulkar, aged 17, likely to command the attention, and Venkatesh, hoping to play his fourth Test match at Lord's, having scored centuries on each of his three.

Boycott and his colleagues will go a long way to rebuffing the theory that cricket is best enjoyed when watching the television and listening to the radio.

There are many who have been drawn to Channel 4's coverage of the Tour de France for the countryside and breathtaking views that are afforded from the mountain climbs. There are others who watch this astonishing piece of endurance — which is even more astonishing to those who use a bike to get fit or go to work — for the chess-like tactics and anti-like team-work that is involved in winning the world's premier cycle race.

The Tour ends on Sunday (Channel 4, 5.30pm) with the traditional invasion of Paris for the finish near the Champs Elysees with a mere 190-kilometre stage, a snip to these lads who have endured stages of 17 hours and more.

### SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

## Britain's performance depends on appeal

By JANE WYATT

COLIN Moynihan, the minister for sport, attended a reception at the House of Commons last night for the launch of a £1 million appeal by the British Paralympic Association (BPA) for the 1992 Paralympics.

A figure of £700,000 is needed to send athletes to Barcelona and a further £300,000 for the winter events in Tignes and Albertville in February, 1992.

If such totals can be raised, the BPA is confident that Britain could improve on its performance in Seoul, where British athletes came third in the overall medal table, on very little funding, and behind far larger teams from the United States and West Germany.

The BPA co-ordinates British participation in the Paralympic Games by working closely with the seven national disability organisations and its able-bodied counterpart, the British Olympic Association.

The £1 million is needed, not only to transport about 300 athletes and support staff to the

Games, but to organise elite training for all the disability group squads.

Dr Adrian Whetton, the president of the BPA, acknowledged the difficult financial climate facing all fund-raisers, with many organisations seeking sponsorship.

He also recognised that disabled athletes do not have the public profile enjoyed by their able-bodied colleagues. He hoped businesses and individuals would welcome the opportunity to provide positive encouragement to dedicated sportsmen and women.

Dr Whetton asked the press and television to do more to reflect the great commitment shown by leading disabled athletes, and upon the athletes themselves to be more self-publicising.

He said that, by encouraging elite sport, facilities at grassroots level would automatically be improved and higher standards would create incentives for more people to participate.

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## Breaking down the barriers

By ALIX RAMSAY

THE Duke of Edinburgh will open at Celtic Park, Glasgow, today the European Special Olympic Games for the mentally handicapped, the largest sporting event of its kind staged in Europe. About 2,500 athletes will take part. Coaches, carers and families will swell the number of visitors to 7,000. There will be show business personalities and other celebrities.

Getting to Glasgow has not been easy for them. The lack of a commercial sponsor has meant that each country has had to make its own travel arrangements. But such has been the response to the Special Olympics that help has been forthcoming. President Václav Havel made his own jet available to fly the Czechoslovak team to Scotland. In Poland, Lech Walesa organised the Polish air force to fly the athletes in, while the Soviet military has lent an aircraft to do the same for the contingent from the Soviet Union.

It is this sort of response that the Special Olympics movement is hoping to make use of to spread the word about the mentally handicapped. Eunice Kennedy-Shriver started the Kennedy-Shriver organization over 30 years ago in the United States. The aim is not just to provide athletic competition but from that to provide facilities and education and the impact of the charity has spread.

Her son, Bobby Shriver, is the executive producer of the opening ceremony at Celtic Park. While the Games are being underwritten by Strathclyde council, the opening is being funded from the United States through ignorance. "With television coverage of the opening ceremony to be sold around the world, Shriver is hoping the impact of the Games will be far-reaching."

"I felt it was an amazing opportunity to work on public opinion to dispel ignorance," Bobby Shriver said. "People are afraid of mental handicap through ignorance." With television coverage of the opening ceremony to be sold around the world, Shriver is hoping the impact of the Games will be far-reaching.

He admits he had little choice but to join the Special Olympics

movement owing to his mother's involvement. In turn he has enlisted the help of show business friends to stage the opening gala. But he is keen to point out that the sporting achievements of the athletes should not be overshadowed by the glitz and glamour of the initial ceremony. "Our theory is that you win by taking part, everyone gets a medal," he said. "But some of these athletes are still very good. The Special Olympics record holder in the high jump would have won gold in the 1994 Olympics. And if you see these people and the impact the Games have on them — the fact they've been there, they've won a medal — the effect is incredible."

Shriver believes that the main aim of the Games is public relations to break down the barriers of prejudice. "In America we have been working for 30 years educating people," he said. "In Europe the Games have only been going for 15 years and the attitudes are different. Public opinion is a hard thing to break down and our worst obstacle is lack of knowledge."

### TRIATHLON

## Lessing is the man to watch in Dover event

By IAN SWEET

IAN Pettitt, the British Triathlon Association's new liaison officer and its first full-time employee, competes this weekend in his main race of the season, the Park Cycles White-cliff Triathlon, at Dover.

It is the first main selection race for the British teams competing in the European championships in Linz, Austria, and the subsequent world championships in Florida. In addition, the race over the Olympic distance — 1.5km swim, 40km cycle ride and 10km run — is in the national ranking series.

The man to watch is Simon Lessing, aged 19, born in South Africa, who has been racing for the French club, Salon TC, of Avignon. Lessing has held a British passport for four years and this year has his first British race license. Throughout the season, he has been beating the best in Europe, and although he could qualify for the junior team, he is opting for the seniors.

### GLIDING

## Wells returns to less familiar conditions

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MARTYN Wells, one of the British team in the recent Pan Am World Championships in Minden, Nevada, is back in his own familiar L37 sailplane in the Standard Class Nationals at Booker, High Wycombe.

He is doubtless using the "micro" weather conditions of England compared to the "macro" scales of height and distance by the Sierra: conditions which, ironically, are believed to provide Britons with marginal soaring experience to give them an edge against other nationals, who are only used to the big-country environment.

Almost stepping straight from his transatlantic return flight into his sailplane at Booker, Wells is eighth overall, behind pilots who have been confined to British and European meteorology.

The experience gained by British pilots at Minden in preparation for the 1991 world championships at the same site was expected, but none the less valuable, for the actual orienta-

tion rather than all the second-hand wisdom of local and other visiting pilots.

All the Britons were this year using a curate's-egg selection of locally begged, borrowed or hired machines, considering the heavy expense of shipping their own gliders, which will be essential for the world championships next year.

It may be that Justin Willis, the 15m winner, and Andy Davis, standard second after leading on the penultimate day, owe something of their success to using top American pilot's personal machines (with their gliders close by as ground crew). Willis, in leading pilot Doug Jacobs' L56, and Davis, in John Byrd's Discus, have, however, only practice for 1991. The experience gained is even more important than a place in this year's results.

On day three, Willis opted for and completed, 580km, 100km more than others, but incurred a one-hour penalty because he was slowed by thermal decline.

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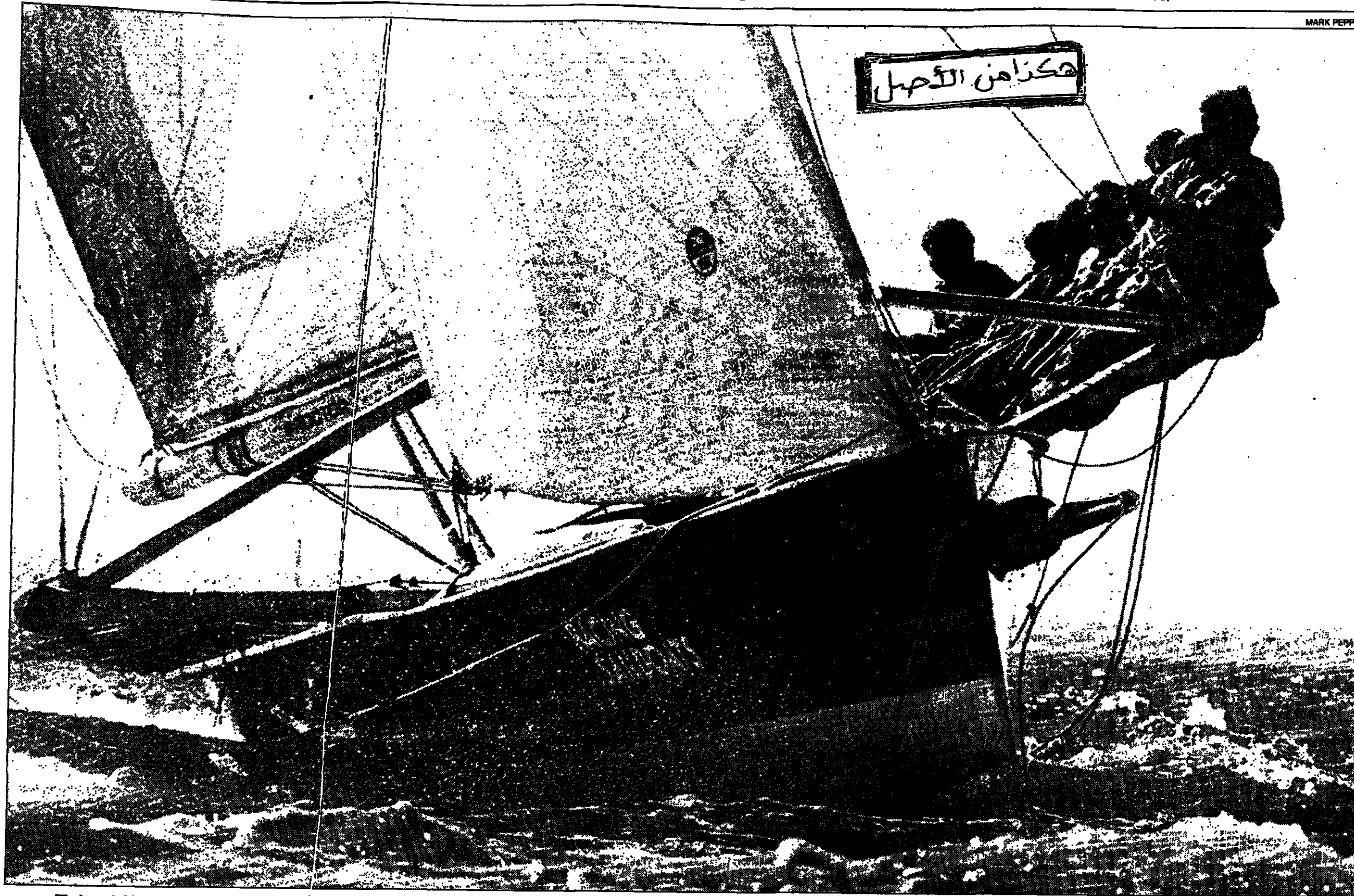












The latest in high-tech racing, yet with all the traditional style of sailing: beneath the shallow, saucer-shaped hull is a deep, thin keel, which has a lead bulb at the tip to help the crew right the Ultra 30 when the almost inevitable capsize occurs

## Flying the go-faster dinghy

A new class of boat is exciting sailors and attracting prize money. Keith Wheatley takes to the water

Top-rank sailors in Britain have had two desires in recent years. One is perennial — the urge to sail exciting boats. The second is to establish a regular professional racing circuit that is televised and offers prize money. High-tech Ultra 30s are the response to this dream.

These are giant dinghies, 30ft long and with a sailplan big enough for a conventional yacht nearly twice their length, and they are the fastest monohulls on the water.

With the giant asymmetric spinnakers pulling hard downwind, the Ultras can achieve more than 25 knots, fast enough to pull a water-skier.

Upwind, their speed is only just into double figures, but the drama of having nine men leaning out to balance the vast mainsail adds a certain "visual velocity"

to the scene. Beneath the shallow, saucer-shaped hull is a deep, thin keel with a lead bulb at the tip.

When the inevitable capsize comes, the by-now horizontal length of the keel is invaluable as all the crew members balance on it and attempt to lever the boat upright.

So far, the British circuit has five new boats, built with identical hulls from the drawing board of Rob Humphreys.

Sailors as eminent as Lawrie Smith, Derek Clarke and Edward Warden Owen — all with America's Cup backgrounds — have guested at the helms. While these

names add glamour to the fledgling Ultra 30 circuit, they may also prove a long-term weakness.

With the twenty-eighth America's Cup only 21 months away, such top sailors are unlikely to be available to sail Ultras in the 1991 season. That was not the intention at all.

Learning from the American mistakes, Mr Humphreys settled on a virtual one-design rule, under which the winning boat would be the one that is sailed the fastest. The on-the-water cost of an Ultra 30 is about £30,000.

Television coverage will come from

TVS in Southampton and Gary Lovejoy, head of sport who has supported the circus from the outset, will record five regattas this summer for broadcast on Channel 4. Although disappointed that there are only five boats instead of the promised nine, television interest remains firm.

The highlight of this inaugural season will be at Falmouth over the weekend of August 18 and 19 when the world championship is due to be held. New boats from the Continent are expected, as well as several Ultimate 30s from the United States.

Since the championship coincides with the end of the annual Falmouth Week regatta, television viewers may be treated to the sight of these high-tech projectiles weaving through the fleet of traditional gaff-rigged oyster boats.



The crew balance on the now-horizontal keel to try to jerk the boat upright

Forget about spending weekends relaxing in a holiday cottage and invest in a powerboat instead

## Falling for a Princess with sleek style

"WHILE others have a holiday cottage, we have a boat and we use it every weekend, summer and winter, rain or shine," Ian Headon, aged 52, says.

He runs a bakery business in Holsworthy, Devon, and is one of a number of entrepreneurs who are turning to the water for relaxation.

"My wife and I are heavily tied to the business," he adds, "so we keep the boat at Plymouth, 40 miles away, and use it to escape the pressure."

The Headon's boat is a Princess 415, a 42ft six-berth fly-bridge cruiser which has the speed to carry them across to the Channel Islands and France and back in a weekend.

It is the second Princess they have owned and was bought new three years ago to replace a second-hand 38.

Built by Marine Projects at Plymouth, one of Europe's largest boatbuilders, the brand loyalty shown by the Headons is typical of 75 per cent of Princess owners who, according to the builders' statistics, trade up to a new model every two to three years.

"We've made money out of all our boats, but the Princesses hold their value particularly well," says Mr Headon, who turned to powerboating in 1970 after years of building and racing autocross cars.

Starting with a Pacific 550 17ft outboard cruiser, which they kept at home and trailed to the coast each weekend, the Headons graduated to a Conway 26 before trading up to their first Princess in 1983.

"We made a 10 per cent profit when we sold her three years later and I would expect

to make a 30 per cent profit if I came to sell the 415 now. Mind you, the new price has gone up by 50 per cent, so I am not sure I can afford to change," Mr Headon says.

However, with the 250 Princesses already in the water, a number that is increasing by four a week, there is no shortage of buyers for this five-year-old Bernard Olssinski design.

"She handles much better than the 30, which used to frighten me in a following sea and required courage to power her way out of a potential broad. The 415, which is less deep-vee in design, does not suffer that problem," Mr Headon advises.

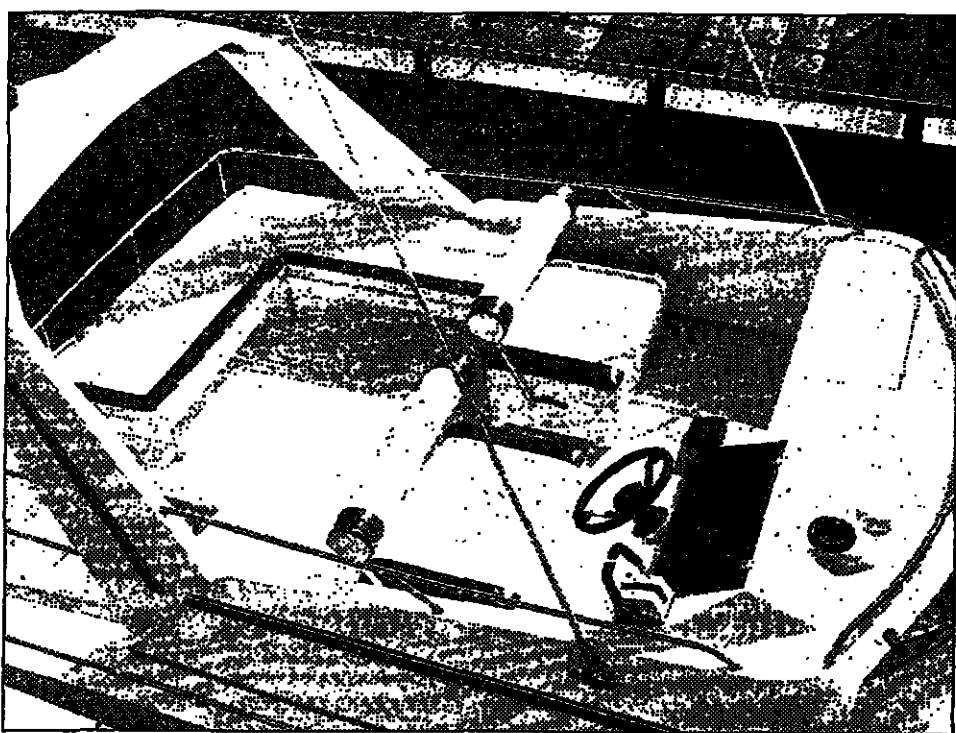
Another aspect that has attracted many owners is the boat's generous style of accommodation.

Boasting a master stateroom forward and a second double-berth cabin to starboard, both with en-suite shower and toilet compartments, the 415 also has a large, well-equipped galley to port and a spacious deck saloon which is raised above the rest of the accommodation.

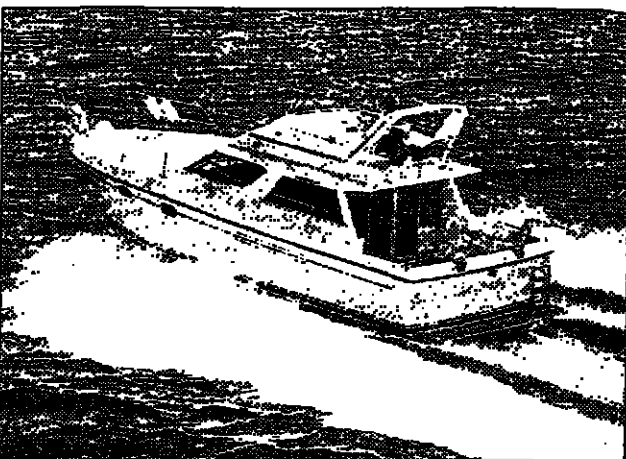
"Colossal aft cockpits are not practical in this country. You need a large saloon where everyone can sit in comfort when it is raining. That's the feature my wife likes most," Mr Headon says.

The only problem the couple have experienced with their boat has involved the engines.

"You can't fault the boat, but the stop solenoid on the port engine often failed to work and it took Volvo a total of 18 months, and a lot of



Creating royal waves: the powerful Princess fly-bridge motorcruiser (above, below)



### DETAILS

Princess 415 Fly-bridge power cruiser  
Length: 40ft 8in (12.39m)  
Beam: 13ft 11in (4.24m)  
Draft: 3ft 9in (1.14m)  
Displacement: 11.5 tonnes  
Engines: Twin Volvo TAMD61 (300hp) turbocharged diesels  
Cruising speed: 25 knots  
Range: 280 miles  
Manufacturer: Marine Projects, Plymouth (0752 227 771)  
Distributor: Marine Seacat, Plymouth (0752 600 657)  
Price: from about £132,650 plus VAT.

letters from us, before it got fixed.

"Each time we wanted to stop the engine, it meant lifting up the carpets and floorboards in the saloon to get at it. Another time the gear linkages fell off.

"I would not choose these engines again but, at the time we brought her, Mar-

ine Projects did not offer a choice.

"Don't let that colour anyone's judgement about the builders," he adds. "Any problems we have had with the boat have been rectified within minutes of calling Marine Projects. You can't fault their service at all."

The Princess range of fly-

bridge cruisers and Riviera open cockpit sports cruisers begin with the Princess 266, which is priced at £38,855, and graduate in size to the top-of-the-range Princess 53 which costs £253,500. The company intends to launch a 65ft model later this year.

BARRY PICKTHALL

## In the wake of SeaCat

● The argument continues about whether Hoverspeed's 220ft wave-piercing SeaCat is entitled to the Hales Trophy, after having set a new passenger ship record across the Atlantic last month. But interest in this 3,000-mile challenge remains undiminished.

Serge Madec, the French yachtsman who already holds the sailing record from New York to the Azores, is preparing his 80ft powerboat, Jet Services, for a crack at SeaCat's acknowledged unrefuelled record crossing. Three other powered monsters are being built for attempts next year.

The largest is the 230ft Desirero with three 20,000hp General Electric LM gas turbines, under construction in Italy for the Aga Khan. A 180ft prototype patrol boat, powered by a 33,000hp Rolls-Royce RB211B gas turbine, is being built on Tyneside for Richard Noble and Ted Toleman; while the Italian Azimut group, which failed in its attempt last year, will return with a 90ft diesel-powered offshore racer.

The Hales trophy has been gathering dust in the American merchant marine museum since 1953, when the SS United States set a record of three days, ten hours and 40 minutes (35.59 knots average). Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic Challenger revived interest in the challenge when it set an average speed of 36.6 knots for the voyage from Nantucket Light to Bishop Rock in 1987. Despite this triumph, neither he nor Tom Gentry, the American powerboat enthusiast who reduced the record to two days 14 hours and seven minutes (49 knots), could persuade the museum to release the trophy.

Both powerboats, which had to be refuelled during the crossing, were classed by the museum's curator as "toy boats". He claims that the trophy is for passenger ships only, but when SeaCat broke

the record he said the vessel had to be on a regular run.

Ted Toleman, who skippered Mr Branson's first Challenger (which hit a submerged object and sank less than 100 miles from the Bishop Rock finish), has chosen Commander Dai Morgan RN as his next skipper. Mr Morgan commanded the Polaris submarine, HMS Renown, during the Falklands conflict. Robin Knox-Johnston, the first man to sail around the world alone non-stop and who holds the British sailing record across the Atlantic, will navigate.

Both the British narrow dart-shaped Atlantic Springer, and the Aga Khan's longer Desirero will carry between 250 and 300 tonnes of aviation fuel, and are designed to top 60 knots during the closing stages of the voyage, when much of the fuel has been burnt off.

Their target is to beat SeaCat's unrefuelled record and Gentry's outright time of 49 hours. They also want the Hales trophy but that may require a further skirmish.

● Tom McClean, the yachtsman with four previous Atlantic crossings to his credit, is making heavy going of his fifth solo adventure — in a bottle. After leaving New York on July 10, Mr McClean, who holds records for the fastest time of 34 days rowing single-handed, as well as for completing the voyage in the smallest yacht (7ft 9in), lost radio contact. His messages were picked up by a Canadian

ham radio operator this week.

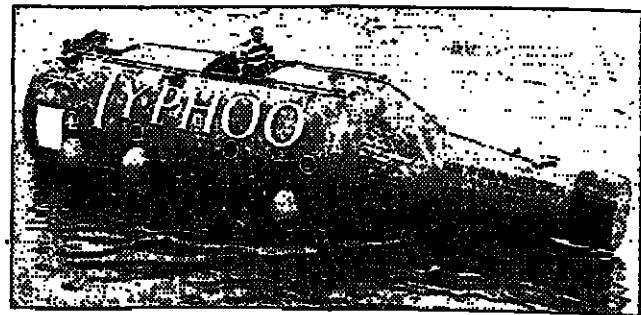
Having completed little more than 550 miles during his first week, Mr McClean said that strong winds had limited his speed to two knots at times. "Riding some of the waves, which have been up to 25ft high, has been none too comfy," he says.

His 37ft, bottle-shaped, steel motor-sailer is powered by a 1.8-litre engine and has a cruising speed of only three knots. The neck of the bottle, which protrudes 10ft ahead of the hull, has accentuated the directional problems.

The object is to raise £300,000 for the National Children's Home, but the lack of radio communication could have a serious effect on fund-raising. Mr McClean, brought up in an orphanage, hopes to reach Falmouth around August 14 — a week behind schedule.

● Fed up with the rest of the world listening in on your radio telephone? British Telecom is working on the answer. A service to be launched in November will provide boat-owners with automatic ship-to-shore access and call scrambling, using existing on-board radio equipment.

Called "Autolink RT", all that will be required is a conversion unit costing £300-£500 to bypass the coast station operator and provide direct access to world telephone networks. The equipment has a range of 40 miles on VHF and 200 miles on MF radio frequencies.



Bottled up: Tom McClean at the helm of his Atlantic craft



Executive Editor David Brewerton

## BUSINESS

£193m thrift  
write-off by  
Ronson group

HERON International, Gerald Ronson's privately owned property and car dealer company, has written off £193 million in connection with its involvement in the Arizona thrift industry.

The extraordinary item appears in the results for the year to end-March 1990 and covers the £100 million losses incurred by Pima Savings, the company's savings and loans subsidiary, and a £100 million provision for losses on properties and affiliate companies transferred from Pima to Heron. Pre-tax profits rose 11 per cent to £65.3 million.

**THE POUND**  
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**STOCK MARKETS**  
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New York Dow Jones  
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**INTEREST RATES**  
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3-month interbank 14 1/2%  
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**NORTH SEA OIL**  
Brent (Aug) ... \$18.25 (\$18.05)  
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|                 | Buy    | Sell   |
| Australia \$    | 2.43   | 2.47   |
| Austria Sch     | 13.80  | 13.85  |
| Belgium Fr      | 64.20  | 64.30  |
| Canada \$       | 2.175  | 2.185  |
| Denmark Kr      | 11.84  | 11.94  |
| Finland Mkk     | 7.29   | 7.39   |
| France Fr       | 10.40  | 10.50  |
| Germany Dm      | 3.16   | 3.17   |
| Greece Dr       | 238    | 242    |
| Hong Kong \$    | 14.70  | 14.80  |
| Ireland Pt      | 1.18   | 1.19   |
| Italy Lira      | 2275   | 2285   |
| Japan Yen       | 340    | 345    |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.75   | 3.76   |
| Norway Kr       | 11.92  | 12.02  |
| Portugal Esc    | 207.75 | 208.75 |
| South Africa R  | 5.20   | 5.25   |
| Spain Ptas      | 168.50 | 169.50 |
| Sweden Kr       | 11.20  | 11.30  |
| Switzerland Fr  | 2.00   | 2.05   |
| Turkey Lira     | 5000   | 5050   |
| US \$           | 1.81   | 1.82   |
| Venezuela Btr   | 25.5   | 26.0   |

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B&C wins  
partial  
victory on  
Quadrex

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH & Commonwealth, the collapsed financial services group, has won an important victory in its £280 million lawsuit against Quadrex. The American financial company has agreed to drop part of its defence and counterclaim against B & C's action which could have incurred millions of pounds in legal costs.

The claims by the US company formed a second line of defence to B & C's action and threatened to hold up settlement of the case for many months.

B & C is suing Quadrex for allegedly breaking its contract to buy M W Marshall & Co, the money broker, and William Street, the US securities dealer, for £280 million.

In the High Court yesterday, Quadrex's counsel said the company had "irrevocably and unconditionally" withdrawn allegations that B & C failed to ensure that Marshalls and William Street acted properly to allow Quadrex to arrange financing lines for the bid.

Quadrex also dropped its claims against Marshalls, Michael Knowles, its chairman, Peter Bentley, its finance director, and William Street. It had accused them of interfering with its ability to complete the acquisition.

Both sides, however, deny the withdrawal is the first stage in a full settlement. "We considered the savings this meant in time and cost," said Harry Anderson, a partner at Herbert Smith, Quadrex's solicitors. "Our strongest defence by far is our claim of fraudulent misrepresentation by B & C which is very much alive."

Quadrex and Samuel Montagu, its adviser, are defending B & C's action on the grounds that B & C did not give all its information on the companies to Quadrex, at the time the deal was agreed. Almost all the evidence in the High Court case has now been given, and the judge will give his decision in October after the summer recess. The climbdown by Quadrex saves the two sides from fighting a further action through the winter.

CE Heath, the insurance broker and underwriter, is negotiating to buy the insurance broking business of Abaco Investments, part of B & C. The business, which does not include Abaco's reinsurance operations, had broking income of £14.8 million last year, a quarter the size of Heath's own business.

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## Bond steps out to close one last deal



Smiling through: Alan Bond by his Kensington, London, home yesterday. The troubled businessman is seeking an orderly sale of assets.

Cartoon  
chief on  
dealing  
charges

By OUR CITY STAFF

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Europeans resigned to Japanese arrival  
Fujitsu on track for ICL

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THE search for a European alternative to the proposed takeover of Britain's ICL computer company by Fujitsu of Japan looks increasingly desperate as leading European computer firms appear resigned to accept the arrival of a Japanese company in their home market.

Siemens, the West German electronics company and Europe's second largest computer manufacturer after IBM, is understood to have decided not to take any action on ICL and will instead concentrate on using its resources to turn around Nixdorf.

The West German group, in line with all its European competitors, is known to be concerned about Fujitsu's arrival.

The proposed takeover by Fujitsu has come at the worst possible time for the European computer industry, which has lost much ground to competition from Japan, more

because of strategic management mistakes than an inherent lack of competitiveness.

The computer industry faces a similar development as the telecommunications sector, where the investments needed to launch new generation systems are expected to double every time. In telecoms this has left a handful of large companies in the driving seat, relegating medium-sized players to market niches.

Plessey, a medium-sized group, had to yield to this pressure. Siemens argued the case most persistently during its joint bid for Plessey. Now Fujitsu is trying to do the same, and Siemens cannot argue any differently.

The pressure that may lead ICL to link up with Fujitsu is similar. STC spends about £300 million in research costs on ICL, a figure likely to rise substantially - and possibly above STC's means over the next few years.

While Europe boasts three of the world's largest computer companies, its computers remain small in comparison with IBM, whose world market share is estimated at between 70 and 80 per cent.

If Fujitsu succeeds, it will overtake Digital Equipment Corporation as the world's second largest supplier.

In Europe, the Japanese threat has been felt least. While IBM dominates the European market with estimated sales of \$21.3 billion, the Japanese manufacturers have played a minor role. But effectively the same is true for Europe's indigenous industry, as even two companies, say Bull and Olivetti, put together would not create a large one.

If the telecoms parallel holds true for the computer industry, Europe stands little chance of succeeding.

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Felber 'near to resigning  
as Parkfield chairman'

By MARTIN WALKER

ROGER Felber, the chairman of Parkfield, which founded this week under £277 million of debts, is believed to be close to resignation as the administrative receivers pick up the pieces of his shattered empire.

"Of course he will consider it (resignation)," said a highly placed source at Parkfield. "It will be one of the things on his mind, along with a lot of others."

Mr Felber was not at the company's offices at Haslemere, Surrey, yesterday.

Meanwhile Castle Communications, the USM-quoted holder of video and music copyrights, has been dragged into the Parkfield collapse, with an announcement that its trading relationship with Mr Felber's crashed manufacturing and entertainment conglomerate could cost it £500,000. The shares, down 2p below the 400p level of a March rights issue at one stage, firmed to close 37p down at 413p.

Parkfield distributes two of Castle's five sell-through

video labels, comprising less than half its output.

The £500,000 figure for the year to end-June, which compares with analysts' pre-tax profits estimates of £2.8 million, includes debts owed by Parkfield to Castle and possible disruption costs if Castle needs to switch to another distributor, but the eventual cost could be "materially

less," said Terry Shand, the chairman.

The administrative receivers, Cork Gully, will announce next week the results of an initial review of Parkfield, which takes in a wide range of activities, including foundries and film financing, through its backing of the film *The Krays*.

The manufacturing side is thought to be still viable, but the video distribution business will need an amount of slitting.

In particular, a surplus of several million videotapes has built up and has helped to trigger Parkfield's decline.

The receivers are now considering what to do with these. An immediate mass sell-off would flood the market and drive prices sharply downwards.

Of the £277 million debts, £138 million are owed to the banks and £45 million are off the balance sheet.

There is £35 million of commercial paper in issue and suppliers such as Castle are owed £60 million.

Roger Felber: pondering

Maxwell in  
line to buy  
BSB stake

ALAN Bond is a deal-sucker to the end. Apart from trying to appease impatient holders of Bond Corp's convertible bonds, he is in London to try to sell his stake in British Satellite Broadcasting to Robert Maxwell, the publisher.

But it may be his final deal. Unlike the mid-1970s when he fought back to the top of corporate Australia, Mr Bond is ready to surrender control of his master company, Bond Corp, to ensure an orderly sale of assets.

On Thursday, Mr Bond managed to buy three more weeks when he convinced bondholders not to vote against two resolutions by offering to resign as chairman and cut his family company's voting rights in Bond Corp from 58 to 25 per cent.

Holders of \$340 million of convertibles will be offered preference shares, which if converted will give them control. Some buyers of the bond emerged yesterday, prepared to punt on one more interest payment.

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DTI issues  
six writs  
on Clowes

By STEPHEN LEATHER

PETER Lilley, the trade secretary, has issued six writs against firms of financial advisers as part of a campaign to recover almost £150 million compensation paid to victims of the Barlow Clowes collapse.

The government has so far paid out £148.8 million to thousands of small investors who lost money when Barlow Clowes was forced to cease trading by the Securities and Investments Board in 1988.

As part of the deal investors had to assign rights of recovery to the government and the DTI has now begun issuing writs.

On Thursday, the department issued three writs against Palatka Consultants of London, two against Analysis Financial Services of Mayfair and one jointly against the Country Gentleman's Association and CGA Financial & Investment Services of London.

The department has also issued writs against Midland Bank and five firms of financial advisers.

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## Ecu route opens to British takeovers

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

JUST as the City is trying to avoid the image of selling British industry to the highest bidder in the run-up to the single European market, an investment trust is being launched offering investors the opportunity to participate in just such deals.

The £14 million ECU Trust, whose 30 million shares are being placed by James Capel, the stockbroker, will have two distinctive traits. Unusually, its assets will be managed as if they were held in ecus, so sterling investments may be hedged in the currency markets to maintain their value in ecus.

More interestingly, the investment policy will concentrate on companies that "in the medium to longer term offer potential for change of ownership".

The trust is aimed at exploiting opportunities in the restructuring of industries in the European Community stemming from the 1992 effect. In principle, this policy will cover companies across the community. But it will initially concentrate on companies in Britain, the economy most open to takeover bids. Investment in other European countries will rise "as the barriers to acquisition on the Continent are lowered".

Although Robert Fleming, the merchant bank known for trust investment, is sponsoring ECU Trust, it will be managed by Gordon House Securities, the first time Fleming has launched a trust for an outside adviser. Gordon House is a two-year-old management company, started by the former Walter Walker stockbroker David Donnelly.

The company has so far worked

only for institutions and has developed a database of nearly 250 British companies where significant stakes are held by others thought to have a long-term interest in a takeover and the resources to mount a bid. Companies believed to be seeking a partner are also considered.

Jane Moir, a director of the trust and co-founder of Gordon House, said Fitch Lovell, which has just agreed a takeover by Booker, was one company on the database, although clients had not been put into it. Gordon House insisted on tight tests of immediate value for money as well, so could miss some opportunities, she added.

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# Cashing up the chips at STC

## COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

There is more, much more, to the sale of Britain's main-frame computer industry by STC than meets the eye, or than the STC management would care to admit. I say sale, without the qualification "proposed", because the deal to sell a controlling stake in ICL to Fujitsu of Japan seems to be agreed in all its dimensions: price, shareholding, debt levels and so on. Barring accidents, the deal will be signed in six days' time.

The sale marks the first step in the break-up of STC. If there is to be a second step, which is likely but not inevitable, it will be accomplished either by the management itself under Arthur Walsh, the chairman (and chief executive), or by the combined forces of Fujitsu and Northern Telecom, which holds 27 per cent of the STC equity. The timetable has yet to be laid down and the methodology has yet to be refined, but the idea is developing and is already more than a mere twinkle in somebody's eye.

From the standpoint of ICL, the deal with Fujitsu makes considerable sense, although that

does not mean that ICL is fully behind it. ICL has lived a reasonably quiet life as part of STC, and has been quietly successful. It is, however, too dependent on the British market and if the deal is to work for Fujitsu, ICL will have to try much harder in continental Europe, an environment that is hostile, protectionist and near paranoid about Japanese competition. Life as an ICL salesman will never be the same again, but, if the company is to be developed as Fujitsu's European base, it can be only to the good of both the company and the country.

The sale is also welcome to Northern Telecom, which has seen STC concentrate its resources on ICL rather than on its own joint venture. Northern Telecom will be glad to see ICL off the premises, and the friendship of Paul Stern, the chief executive of Northern Telecom, with Takuma Yamamoto, the president of Fujitsu, is not

irrelevant to the deal now being concluded.

There is said to be a faction on the STC board that does not see the deal in quite such a rosy light. It recognises, quite rightly, that STC would have little protection from a hostile takeover without ownership of ICL, which at least has public interest aspects (in defence and the supply of computers to the public administration) that would need to be examined. The buyer for the residue of ICL would be on hand, and there would be a little pile of ready cash on which the bidder could lay hands. It is also argued that ICL has launched its new generation of computers already, and would be capable of generating considerable amounts

of cash over the next few years, cash that could do wonders to STC's business. Longer term, the reverse is probably true.

There is likely to be some institutional, as well as political, noise about the sale, as old axes are taken out for a thorough grinding. The European manufacturers will be doing their best to sink the deal, which does threaten a weak market with a formidable competitor.

Relations between STC's chairman (and chief executive) and some of his institutional shareholders were damaged last year when Mr Walsh sold half a million shares into the market at 339p, the fruits of an option exercised at 80p. He still holds another half-million shares. Mr

Walsh, aged 63, came into STC after a lifetime's career with GEC and has largely completed the cost-cutting and pruning that the group required. If he judges that the time is ripe for him to cash up and retire, few would blame him.

## High Roller

Americans are again taking a shine to Rolls-Royce, just as they have taken one to the shares of British Airways. There is a mixed blessing bestowed by American shareholders.

On the positive side, when a American fund decides to buy, the effect on the share price is likely to be warmly beneficial. However, when they want out, getting the shares sold can be more important to them than the exit price. For BA, there is the potential additional complication of convincing the world that it is still the British

flag-carrier when another airline is proportionately more British-owned.

It is less than a year since Rolls-Royce, after a long battle between the government and the European commission, increased the limit on overseas shareholdings from 15 per cent to 29.5 per cent.

Rolls-Royce is now signalling that the level of foreign ownership is up to 25 per cent, a warning to the market that it needs to keep a watch to make sure that it does not sell shares that cannot be registered. If the limit is again reached, the question should surely be asked whether it should be abandoned completely. After all, a foreign owner could hardly pick up the Rolls-Royce plants and export them.

The limit on foreign ownership is one of those post-privatisation anachronisms that still hang about in dusty corners of a number of former lame ducks. Like the golden share for Britoil, which is finally to be given up years after the company was taken over, they are no use to man nor beast.

# Tokyo cash helps revitalise a below par Scottish hotel

By A CORRESPONDENT

THE Old Course Hotel and Country Club at St Andrews was once disparagingly described during televised coverage of a golf tournament as "a chest of drawers with the drawers left out".

Now, after a Japanese-led takeover and a £15 million interior redesign and facelift during the off-season, the hotel reopened this summer, just in time for the British Open, as a less jarring companion to the ancient golf links and picturesque town in Fife.

Nevertheless, many locals are still to be heard grumbling, harking back to the days when nothing but a railway station, station master's cottage and two coal sheds adjoined the famous Road Hole, that wicked 17th green where countless championship dreams have been dashed.

The refurbishment of the hotel used enough carpet to cover all 18 of the golf course's greens and enough marble tiles to pave the perimeter of the entire course.

The hotel also now boasts a spa where, besides the usual exercise equipment and swimming pool, Scottish masseurs will pummel the body into shape or provide rejuvenating therapies, such as *shiatsu*, a Japanese massage akin to acupuncture without needles.

The new owners, led by Seibu Saison International, the Japanese hotel and retailing group which recently bought Intercontinental Hotels, have been keen to maintain the hotel's Scottish aura rather than introduce an oriental flavour.

"The last thing the owners want would be to make it Japanese. It needs to reflect what it is and where it is," says Peter Crome, the general manager, who ran the Savoy Hotel for eight years until the end of last year.

"After the excitement of the Savoy's centenary year, I needed another challenge — and here it is," says Mr Crome.

Mr Crome, who was put off golf in his youth because of compulsory caddy for his father at a penny a hole, is even beginning to warm to the golfing ambience. He has started to take lessons.

Sadly for most of his guests the hotel location does not ensure them a round on the Old Course. "We can only get a



Tee time: Peter Crome, general manager of the Old Course Hotel

couple of hundred tee times a year," sighs Mr Crome.

"But there are 33 superb golf courses in the vicinity — and a whole range of charms, including wonderful castles, both in the town and the surrounding areas.

"It's a well-kept secret that St Andrews means far more than golf."

When it comes to hotel decor and management, Mr Crome believes in understatement. He is also somewhat coy about the Japanese ownership of the Old Course Hotel.

Although it holds the bulk of the shares, Seibu is mentioned last in the hotel's press handouts after the Royal and Ancient (which provides prestige rather than much hard cash), Robert Fleming, the investment bank, and the

Rockefeller and Oppenheimer family trusts.

The only obvious sign of a Japanese presence is the front-of-house trainee, Yoshi, who had been working at Seibu's hotel in Tokyo.

However, the Old Course Hotel now accepts the same credit cards that millions of Japanese use at their local Seibu supermarkets and at the lavish Seibu department stores in Tokyo.

So far, says Mr Crome, only 8 per cent of guests this year have been Japanese, though there are plans to arrange more package tours from Tokyo.

Two of the Japanese guests who are staying at the hotel with a host of top golfers, with their wives and children, are Isao Aoki and his wife Chia.

They seemed more than satisfied with the hotel service.

"I'm enjoying it. It's a far better hotel now than when we were here for the Dunhill Cup at the end of last year. And the restaurants are far better," said Mr Aoki.

The room rates appear a trifle steep, though, with the average double room costing £170, slightly more than before the hotel's refurbishment. Mr Crome insists the higher prices offer better value for money.

"We know we can rake in loads of money during the Open," says Mr Crome, "but there must be limits. I was tempted to set up a huge marquee to cater for the 60,000 who walked by each day — but that would perhaps be going over the top."

# Investment pays off at Dillons

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK

TERRY Maher, the critic of the net book agreement preventing booksellers from giving discounts on books, said that book sales at his Dillons shops are growing faster than forecast, thanks to the £23 million invested in refurbishment since 1988.

Mr Maher, chairman of Pentos, the owner of the Dillons bookshops and the Ryman office supplies chain, said Dillons' sales continue to grow by more than 30 per cent each year, with book sales in London running at more than £30 million each year, easily making Dillons the capital's biggest bookseller.

Opening a £1 million Dillons bookshop at Oxford Circus, Mr Maher said: "At this time of pain and anxiety in much of retailing, I can report that our investment is proving a remarkable success."

He said that sales in the new Dillons in King's Road, Chelsea, were more than 20 per cent above expectations. Sales in its first full year will be more than £2.25 million compared with the £850,000 of book sales achieved by its previous occupant.

Mr Maher said: "We remain on target to achieve our objective of a 15 per cent share of the British market by 1994."

A HUGE build-up of cash in the coffers of institutions in the United States will lead to a new wave of junk bond issues being launched this autumn, American bankers believe.

The once-mighty junk bond market, worth \$200 billion in 1989, nose-dived in the first six months of this year after the demise of Drexel Burnham Lambert and the collapse of a number of much-publicised leveraged deals.

However, inflows of cash from coupon payments on outstanding bonds, the retirement of existing bonds and the dearth of new issues since February have resulted in the build-up of a wall of money waiting to return to the market.

In January, an annualised equivalent of \$10 billion of cash was withdrawn from high-yield funds in the United States and reinvested elsewhere. By last month, the position had been reversed, with an annualised \$10 billion cash inflow to high-yield funds.

The excess supply of cash has resulted in spreads over Treasuries for the highest-rated junk bonds narrowing by 50 basis points to 304 basis points since the height of the Drexel affair in February.

The build-up of funds committed for investment in

between February and last month.

The deals expected to emerge this autumn are not likely to be the old-style leveraged buyouts of quoted companies, but more conservatively structured refinancings and acquisition financings for strategic, rather than financial, takeovers.

A spokesman for the investment bank Kidder Peabody said that debt/equity ratios of five to one, rather than last year's ten to one, would be the norm.

Mr Monaghan said that a return to the \$5 billion to \$10 billion a year level of deal-making seen in the mid-Eighties was possible, but not the \$25 billion to 30 billion level seen at the height of the junk fever of the late Eighties.

The junk bond market received a fillip this week with the successful refinancing of RJR Nabisco, the largest-ever leveraged buyout. The operation yielded capital gains for holders of the bonds being retired and generated favourable publicity for the junk bond market, Mr Monaghan said.

RJR's convertible debentures 2009 are now trading at about 117 cents in the dollar after touching lows of about 60 earlier this year.

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## Reed 'leads queue to buy magazine'

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK

THE NUMBER of prospective buyers queuing up to add *Estates Gazette* to their portfolio of magazine titles has narrowed to under half a dozen.

The glossy and highly-profitable weekly, long considered the property industry's bible, was recently put up for sale in a surprise move by Peter Wilson, the millionaire publisher. His family has owned the title for 100 years. It is understood the asking price for the magazine is between £80 and £130 million.

Reed International, the publishing group, is believed to top the list of the main candidates.

Binder Hamlyn, the accountancy firm, said it was currently looking at "some very serious proposals". Several of them include hard figures while others are still at the letter-of-intent stage, it said. The list is understood to include one proposal from an American publisher as well as several European and British bids.

John Clayton, the editor of the *Estates Gazette*, said the sale should be completed next month.

*Estates Gazette*, founded in 1858, is one of the world's most profitable magazines. It boasts profit margins of 54 per cent and reserves totalling £13.3 million. It has no borrowings.

A fully-paid circulation of 33,000 brings its world readership to about 120,000.

## Telecomputing reduces losses

THE Telecomputing group cut its pre-tax losses from £332,000 to £44,000 in the six months to end-March. Tony Evans, the chairman, said that the budgets for the next financial year indicated a return to substantial profits.

The loss per share was reduced to 0.99p against 6.97p last time. Once again, there is no interim dividend. Turnover slipped from £1.31 million to £1.23 million.

# Oil golden share to be sold as 'BP has met state target'

By OUR PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

THE government is to sell its golden share in the former state-owned oil company, Britoil.

Peter Morrison, the energy minister, told the Commons yesterday that BP had kept its word and the government's objectives had been met. He was thus taking steps for the special rights preference share to be redeemed.

Mr Morrison told the Commons: "The reserves of Britoil's producing fields have been upgraded by 67 million barrels, a 24.5 per cent increase — well over the 5 per cent that was promised."

"BP are pressing ahead with the development of a number of major fields, including Miller and Amethyst and have made detailed proposals for the development of Bruce."

"In Scotland, Glasgow has now been established as the head office for BP's upstream business throughout the whole of Europe. This year alone BP Exploration will be spending approximately £1 billion, more than half their worldwide spending, on activities run mainly out of Scotland."

"The number employed by

BP Exploration in Glasgow and Aberdeen has risen significantly, mainly as a result of the enhancement of Glasgow's role. In addition, the expansion of Kinnell is expected to generate an extra 2,500 jobs and the Bruce project 500 jobs, all in Scotland."

Frank Dobson, the shadow energy secretary, said the decision was the last nail in the coffin of Britoil.

The company was taken over by BP in 1988 when the oil giant gave assurances about activity in the North Sea and employment levels.

Mr Dobson said BP had not stuck to its assurances. The Commons energy select committee had said the golden share should be retained by the government for the time being. BP had not honoured its employment commitments to the people of Scotland.

"Giving up the golden share will give BP an entirely free hand to do what they like with Britoil assets and the staff. Frankly, for the minister to give up the golden share at this moment is like throwing in the towel before even climbing into the ring," he said.



Objectives met: Peter Morrison, the energy minister

## Bank chief jailed for \$25m theft

New York — A former bank vice president was jailed for eight years yesterday for stealing securities worth \$25 million from a bank vault.

Judge Robert Ward, imposing the sentence on Mario Rios Pinochet, of Citibank, said: "There is no question that his position allowed him to commit the crime."

Four of the five stolen \$5 million certificates were recovered when Pinochet tried to negotiate them three days after the theft on January 25, prosecutors said. The fifth certificate was not recovered.

Pinochet, aged 48, who claims to be a distant relative of Augusto Pinochet, the former Chilean dictator, was convicted in May by a federal court jury of four counts of

felony stemming from the embezzlement.

Pinochet was sacked by Citibank after his arrest on February 1. He is to appeal.

Pinochet was in charge of a risk management team. Citibank staff said at the trial that the securities disappeared while Pinochet was conducting a count of commercial paper in the bank's vault.

Pinochet arranged the delivery of four of the certificates to Paine Webber, the broker. He said he had received the certificates on behalf of three principals, who turned out to be fictitious. He instructed Paine Webber to wire the proceeds to an account in Bermuda. This was not done because the securities had been reported missing. (AP)

## Safeland places shares

By PHILIP PANGALOS

SAFELAND, the property trading, refurbishment and development company, plans to raise about £400,000 by way of a placing of 1 million new ordinary shares at 42p per share.

The net proceeds of the placing will be used to help

finance the purchase of 142/144 Great North Way, Hendon, north London, announced last month, for £635,000. The balance of the purchase price will be funded from the company's existing bank facilities. Safeland shares lost 4p to 11p.

## COMPANY BRIEFS

**DENMANS ELECTRICAL**  
Pre-tax: £0.55m (£1.09m)  
EPS: 9.4p (16.2p)  
Div: 1.85p (1.65p)

**SELECTIVE ASSETS**  
Pre-tax: £0.25m (£0.15m)  
EPS: 0.58p (0.30p)  
Div: None

**TRUST OF PROPERTY (Int)**  
Pre-tax: £0.04m (£0.06m)  
EPS: 0.50p (0.64p)  
Div: None

**UPL GROUP (Fin)**  
Pre-tax: £0.03m (£0.03m)  
EPS: 18.75p (EPS: 5.28p)  
Div: Nil (2.75p total)

Interim results. Profits were affected by problems at Eterna Lighting and sluggish sales growth. Turnover £18.5m (£17.7m). Net assets value per ordinary share fell by 8.9 per cent to 135.5p. Total income was £1.53m (£0.92m).

Net assets per share (adjusted) 69.04p (69.49p). Total revenue slipped to £32.00 (£37.00). Portfolio value fell 27.7 per cent.

Last time's pre-tax profit was £332,000. Interest payments rose from £148,000 to £223,000. Sales slipped from £14.8m to £14m.

## Tuffier's fate chills Paris brokers

From DAVID TWEED IN PARIS

THE decision by the stock-broking firm of Tuffier et Associés to file for bankruptcy this week has deepened the gloom over French broking.

Tuffier was one of the few French brokers to remain independent of larger financial backers when two years ago the industry was opened to banks and other financial institutions. Although it sold stakes to Banques Populaires (12.45 per cent) and Chartered (4 per cent) and floated 15 per cent, Tuffier kept control of its operations, forfeiting ready access to outside funds that might have helped it to cover its £720 million losses.

Tuffier's fate is thought by the French financial community to be the future of many once profitable broking operations. Since deregulation competition by the 44 broking firms in a reduced market has become increasingly cut-throat. Abandonment of fixed commissions last July only sharpened the knife. Instead of receiving about 1.5 per cent commission on million-franc deals, brokers can now expect only about 0.3 per cent, and less on big transactions.

With up to two-thirds of French brokers thought to be losing money, even the big backers are reluctant to put in money to keep firms competitive. In the scramble for market share, four or five firms have gained about 40 per cent of a market worth only Fr2.5 billion a day, against Fr3 billion before the 1987 crash.

Firms have had to buy computer systems to try to offer the same service as big international concerns, and to link themselves to the Paris Bourse's new automated settlement system, and to cope with 10am-5pm trading, instead of two hours a day, two years ago.

Paris may have escaped the shake-out in New York in the Seventies and in London in the Eighties after deregulation of those markets, but the signs are that there will soon be a Parisian glut of second-hand Porsches and BMWs.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Capital bids for stake in Irish radio station

CAPITAL Radio, Britain's largest commercial radio licensee, has begun talks with Ireland's sole national radio licensee, Century Communications, with a view to taking a "significant minority stake".

Richard Hurst, a director of Capital, said the company was prepared to pay £1.5 million for a 20 per cent stake in Century, which reported a turnover of approximately £1.5 million in its first nine months of operation. He said a deal with Century, which approached Capital a few weeks ago, would be completed shortly. Capital recently raised its share of London listening hours from 19 per cent to 28 per cent.

### Dredging firm Carpet maker in £4.5m deal slips to £2m

BRITISH Dredging is paying up to £4.5 million for Selco Trade Centres, the Birmingham building materials supplier. British Dredging will pay £3.5 million now and up to a further £1 million depending on future profits. Selco reported pre-tax profits of £550,000 in the year to end-September.

PRE-TAX profits at Victoria Carpet Holdings, the carpet manufacturer and distributor, fell from £2.75 million to £2.03 million in the year to end-March. Turnover slipped from £39.5 million to £38.9 million. Earnings per share fell to 19.86p (27.86p). The single dividend is 4.5p (4.25p).

### Caterpillar expansion

CATERPILLAR (UK), part of the American group which is the world's largest maker of earthmoving and materials handling machinery, is to spend £22 million expanding and modernising its Leicester plant, which was established in 1953.

A flexible assembly system, using computer-controlled handling, is to be installed at the factory which assembles a range of lift trucks, backhoe loaders used in earthmoving and self-guided vehicles of which more than 85 per cent are exported. Caterpillar is planning 60,000 hours of training in the new systems for its 1,200 employees at Leicester.

### 600 Group sells site Manganese stake placed

THE 600 Group is selling its ten-acre site in Colchester, Essex, to Tesco. The site will bring £10.27 million if a planning application for a supermarket succeeds. Its book value is £3 million. Proceeds will go on developing the machine tools, lasers and precision optical equipment, and mechanical handling businesses.

### Fourth buy for Yale

YALE & VALOR has bought Diamond H Controls, a Norwich-based designer and manufacturer of equipment to improve domestic energy efficiency, from Oak Industries Inc. of America for £6.2 million. The purchase includes six acres of freehold land, next to Yale's Heatrate Sadtia factory in Norwich, where its electrical division has its headquarters.

Yale made three other acquisitions this week for a total £4.5 million to strengthen existing activities. Michael Montague, chairman, said the four purchases had been almost entirely funded from the sale of Yale's catering division in March and would enable the company to show a better return on profits.

## WORLD MARKET INDICES

| Index       | Value  | Daily change (%) | Yearly change (%) | Daily change (pts) | Yearly change (pts) |
|-------------|--------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| The World   | 707.1  | -0.7             | -16.2             | -0.2               | -6.1                |
| (free)      | 134.9  | -0.7             | -16.4             | -0.3               | -6.0                |
| EAFE        | 1244.2 | -1.1             | -20.1             | -0.7               | -11.1               |
| (free)      | 127.5  | -1.2             | -20.5             | -0.8               | -11.5               |
| Europe      | 741.8  | 0.0              | -2.5              | 0.0                | 2.0                 |
| (free)      | 159.0  | 0.0              | -2.5              | 0.0                | 1.6                 |
| Nth America | 494.5  | 0.1              | -8.1              | 0.2                | 3.3                 |
| Nordic      | 1555.4 | 0.2              | -0.1              | 0.2                | 7.5                 |
| (free)      | 246.8  | 0.1              | 4.9               | 0.1                | 12.7                |
| Pacific     | 2774.0 | -2.0             | -30.1             | -1.2               | -18.9               |
| Far East    | 4008.3 | -2.1             | -30.7             | -1.3               | -19.6               |
| Australia   | 305.5  | -0.7             | -1.0              | -0.3               | -0.6                |
| Austria     | 1847.2 | 0.8              | 31.0              | 0.9                | 43.1                |
| Belgium     | 850.7  | 0.8              | -13.6             | 0.7                | -7.5                |
| Canada      | 488.1  | -0.2             | -18.7             | -0.3               | -9.0                |
| Denmark     | 1317.1 | -0.1             | 0.1               | 0.0                | 6.8                 |
| Finland     | 88.9   | -0.6             | -22.9             | -0.5               | -17.7               |
| (free)      | 131.1  | 0.2              | -12.1             | 0.3                | -6.1                |
| France      | 750.7  | 0.0              | -7.2              | 0.0                | -0.5                |
| Germany     | 924.8  | -0.8             | 0.8               | -0.8               | 10.0                |
| Hong Kong   | 2499.6 | 0.4              | 12.7              | 0.5                | 26.1                |
| Italy       | 366.8  | -0.2             | -4.4              | -0.1               | 2.1                 |
| Japan       | 4198.7 | -2.2             | -31.9             | -1.3               | -20.8               |
| Netherlands | 882.7  | 0.9              | -8.8              | 0.8                | -1.7                |
| New Zealand | 90.2   | -0.5             | -12.5             | -0.1               | -1.4                |
| Norway      | 1480.8 | 0.8              | 11.1              | 0.8                | 19.5                |
| (free)      | 248.7  | 0.8              | 10.8              | 0.8                | 19.0                |
| Singapore   | 1953.3 | -0.4             | -2.1              | -0.3               | 5.2                 |
| Spain       | 228.3  | 0.0              | -3.5              | 0.0                | 0.3                 |
| Sweden      | 1784.4 | 0.2              | 1.7               | 0.3                | 9.9                 |
| (free)      | 262.4  | -0.1             | 8.4               | 0.0                | 17.1                |
| Switzerland | 921.6  | 0.2              | 0.8               | 0.0                | 3.5                 |
| (free)      | 138.3  | 0.2              | -0.9              | 0.0                | 1.7                 |
| UK          | 710.5  | 0.2              | -1.5              | 0.2                | -1.5                |
| USA         | 446.6  | 0.1              | -7.2              | 0.2                | 4.4                 |

## ALPHA STOCKS

| Vol '000    | Vol '000 | Vol '000   | Vol '000 |
|-------------|----------|------------|----------|
| AUT         | 992      | CJ         | 228      |
| Abbey Nat   | 1,480    | Cookson    | 673      |
| AB-Lyons    | 1,822    | Courtaulds | 1,499    |
| Admiral     | 1,062    | Dalrymple  | 1,822    |
| Anglo       | 1,710    | Dunlop     | 398      |
| Argos       | 491      | ECC        | 84       |
| ASDA        | 1,562    | Grand      | 1,822    |
| ASDA Foods  | 1,021    | Harrold    | 1,530    |
| BAA         | 2,501    | Fluoro     | 959      |
| BAG         | 2,042    | GAT        | 712      |
| BET         | 1,540    | GAT        | 1,822    |
| BHT         | 1,928    | GEC        | 3,311    |
| BAT         | 2,332    | Globe Inv  | 2,896    |
| Baxendale   | 1,822    | Globe Inv  | 2,896    |
| Beech       | 441      | Glynwed    | 984      |
| Beazer      | 227      | Granada    | 318      |
| Bentley Int | 4,259    | Grand      | 1,822    |
| BICC        | 5,372    | GUS        | 1,822    |
| Bike Circle | 1,371    | GUS        | 1,822    |
| BIR         | 1,822    | GUS        | 1,822    |
| Boots       | 628      | Guinness   | 780      |
| BPF         | 367      | Hamm       | 114      |
| Br Aero     | 714      | Hanson     | 5,781    |
| Br Airways  | 58       | Do W       | 180      |
| Br Cam      | 1,136    | H&C        | 180      |
| Br Gas      | 27,226   | Hawker     | 634      |
| Br Telecom  | 7,401    | Incipage   | 643      |
| Bunzl       | 71       | ICI        | 1,085    |
| Burnham     | 1,124    | Incipage   | 643      |
| Burns       | 11,722   | Land Sec   | 1,822    |
| CDW         | 6,774    | Land Sec   | 1,822    |
| Cadbury     | 577      | Laporte    | 189      |
| Carlin      | 285      | L&G        | 493      |
| Carlton     | 1,317    | Sevent     | 1,516    |
| Corts       | 855      | Lloyds Abt | 1,724    |

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# Shares bubble over on hope of Opec agreement to raise price

OIL shares on both sides of the Atlantic were bubbling over in the belief that the price of crude will rise significantly in the next few months.

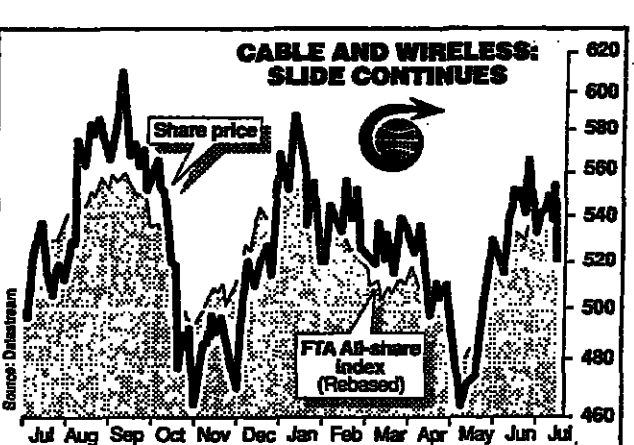
Charlie Maxwell, an oil expert at C.J. Lawrence, a Wall Street securities house, believes that the Opec countries will soon get together to raise the price of oil by as much as \$2 a barrel above the current benchmark figure.

His comments followed the overnight news from Wall Street that Conoco and Sun Oil had raised the price of their oil by 75 cents a barrel. Others are now expected to follow.

The price has been depressed recently with supplies still outstripping demand. However, the annual round of maintenance work in the North Sea is due to start next month which will temporarily affect supplies. Last night, the price of North Sea crude for September delivery hardened by almost half a cent to \$18.37 a barrel.

Oil shares in London responded with BP rising 5 1/2p to 334 1/2p, Bursmah 10p to 66 1/2p, Enterprise 1 1/2p to 66 1/2p, Gulf Petroleum 3p to 97p, Lasso 14p to 42 1/2p, Shell 10p to 48 1/2p, Sovereign Oil & Gas 13p to 19p and Ultramar 5p to 33 1/2p.

Turnover levels were again depressed despite the unavailability of data caused by the bomb attack on the International Stock Exchange. However, share prices ended the two-week account on a firm note, helped by selective support for blue chips with market-makers continuing to feel the squeeze. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its best



level of the day, 12.8 points up at 2,400.1 — a rise on the account of 60.1. The FT 30 share index and the London Traded Options were not available because of the stock exchange incident.

Among the leaders, Japanese buying boosted Polly Peck, the electronics and food packaging group, by 14p to 452p. Reuters, the inter-

national news agency and financial information group, advanced 18p to £12.67 on American support. The group is due to make a number of presentations to American fund managers next week. George Wimpey, the construction group, was a weak market, losing 8p to 237p after a profits downgrade by a leading broker.

under a cloud after its recent profits warning. But BZW believes that the shares are a buy up to the 300p level. More than 10 million shares were traded.

Cable and Wireless continued to lose ground, falling 10p to 525p with analysts taking a bearish view of prospects in the short-term. At the start of the account, Smith New

Court, the broker, placed 30 million shares for Hutchison Whampoa at 518p each and there had been fears that some institutions would also reduce their holdings.

As a result, market-makers had been marking the shares lower in the hope of deterring sellers. There have also been worries about increased competition in the telephone industry and the effect of the strong pound on overseas profits.

Burton Group, the troubled fashion retailer, suffered a market-down but managed to close about its worst level, reducing the fall to just 1p to 100p after 99p. The group has just sold its financial services division to reduce its debts and has put its property development side up for sale.

Castle Communications tumbled 42p to 408p, worried by the appointment of administrators to Parkfield, the video and engineering group. But Castle says its relationship with Parkfield is unlikely to mean significant damage. Charges against pre-tax profits are unlikely to exceed £300,000.

Bells-Royce, the aero-engine group, fell 4p to 222p despite the news that holdings by foreign investors had now reached 25 per cent of the issued share capital. The limit on shares held by foreign investors was raised last year to 29.9 per cent.

Yorkshire Radio, the independent broadcaster quoted on the USM, leapt 15p to 131p. It is in talks with Transworld Communications which may lead to a merger.

Michael Clark

## WORLD MARKETS

### Fears of political upheaval hit Tokyo

From JOE JOSEPH IN TOKYO

CONCERNS that Japan may be on the brink of political upheaval barely a year after the Recruit bribery scandal helped to buckle confidence in the stock market.

The Nikkei index dropped 634.10 points to 32,421.52. The decline was fuelled by worries over another rise in Japanese interest rates, profit-taking after a week of gains, and selling linked to stock-index futures.

But dealers mentioned nervousness about the political fallout from the arrest of a leading Japanese stock market raider as the chief factor in the

market's plunge. The arrest on Thursday night of Mitsubishi Kotani on stock-manipulation charges has encouraged speculation about more political upheaval in Japan, which is only just recovering

from the Recruit shares-for-favours scandal that erupted in 1987. Mr Kotani, once a close associate and financial supporter of a former prime minister, Yasuhiro Nakasone, has often boasted about his

high-level contacts in politics and business. Many leading politicians and their aides are reported in the press to have been involved with the activities of Koshin, a stock-speculation company run by Mr Kotani.

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## Anglo-French battle for theme park continues

## Universal choice delayed

From PHILIP ROBINSON IN LOS ANGELES

A DECISION by Hollywood's Universal Studios on whether to choose London or Paris for its European expansion with the Rank Organisation has been delayed for the third time.

Mr Doug Binder, a spokesman for Universal, said yesterday that he did not think a decision would be made on the location of a European theme park until "at least the end of the year".

MCA, Universal's parent company, was to have made the choice between the Essex site of Rainham Marshes, or a site near Paris this summer. But talks between MCA and the two countries delayed a decision until the autumn. A decision now appears six months away.

The proposed \$1.2 billion project, which could create 12,000 jobs, has been the

subject of fierce lobbying by Britain and France. MCA executives have met Margaret Thatcher, the prime minister, and Michel Rocard, the French prime minister.

Both countries have offered concessions to attract MCA. Britain's last offer was valued at \$250 million.

Should MCA choose Paris, it would compete directly with the Walt Disney theme park that is due to be open near the city in 1992.

The key to whether MCA wants a head-on clash is the performance of its \$650 million Studio Tour park, which opened near Disney's theme park in Florida six weeks ago.

Three of Studio Tour's attractions, King Kong, Earthquake and Jaws, are still not working. Mr Binder said: "We are not putting a date on when

these will be running satisfactorily. We don't want to shoot ourselves in the foot twice."

Computer co-ordination of the special effects is causing the problem. The software is not synchronising the actions of two 37th apes, four trains being shaken in an earthquake measuring 8.3 on the Richter scale, and a mechanical shark which attacks a free-floating pontoon and drags it through the water. Jaws has been working spasmodically, but Universal no longer promises the shark as an attraction, and gives dissatisfied customers a free day pass and will discuss refunds with foreign tourists.

Mr Jay Stein, president of the theme parks for MCA, said that the success of the group's Florida venture - in which Rank is a 50 per cent partner, investing \$150 million - is critical for plans to

compete with Disney in Europe and Japan.

MCA needs an average 16,500 customers a day to meet its first-year target figure of between 5 million and 6 million visitors. The group needs at least 8,000 a day to break even.

About 1,000 of the 10,000 who attended the opening day, demanded, and were given, refunds.

Theme Parks provide only a small percentage of MCA's profits, a large part of which are made on feature films. Half-time profits released yesterday rose 10 per cent to \$76.4 million on sales up 21 per cent at \$1.86 billion.

MCA says the first half was boosted by Universal's films *Bird on a Wire* with Mel Gibson and Goldie Hawn, and *Back to the Future Part III*, with Michael J. Fox.

## Why English football stands to score with a super league



KENNETH FLEET

Georgie girls, soaring stadia, passion under Italian skies, the excitement of sudden death - not, I concede, the image of the national game one is likely to see taking the whiff for a walk in West Hartlepool, but the fair face of football seen by tens of millions who watched the World Cup on television.

There were blunders of course, notably England's losing the shoot-out against West Germany which, as we now know, led to Nicholas Ridley's valedictory address in the *Spectator*. Defeat meant the lads made their triumphant return in Luton. If they had won the cup, the Football Association, with an unerring instinct for these things, would have diverted their coach to Basildon. But the real point is that Italy confirmed three things about soccer: it is the world game; it has enormous potential; and its power to draw television audiences is without equal.

This is a potent commercial brew which cannot fail to change the game in this country. How far and how fast English football will respond to the success of the World Cup and the re-admission of English clubs to European competitions depends on the imagination and determination of the FA, the Football League and the clubs. At this point my optimism begins to fade: in the boardroom football is not blessed, it is cursed. However, I still believe the forces of change are now too strong for the dinosaurs to resist. Television alone may do the trick.

When the present agreements for televising football are renegotiated in two years the winning bid will be at least £5 million a year. This is real money in any language but it will be forthcoming only at a price. At a mini-

mum the price will be a super league of 12 clubs, ten English and two Scottish, which can attract the biggest TV audiences and to which most of the money will be paid.

So far a super league has been successfully resisted by the massed ranks of lesser clubs but by 1992, the leading clubs, if they wish to survive and prosper in the European footballing arena, will have to embrace the super league even if they have to break away from the Football League to do it.

Football in Europe is no longer a place for ostriches, even ostriches with "character" or good left feet. The Turin club Juventus, owned by Gianni Agnelli and Fiat, is reported to have offered Tottenham Hotspur £8.5 million for Paul Gascoigne and £3.5 million for Gary Lineker, the most charismatic and effective players in England's world cup team. Not every player will be persuaded by lucrative contracts to play in Italy, Spain or Germany but if it is to keep star players, the English game needs to be in good financial shape to compete, and to offer the stars a European stage. Without a super league this cannot happen.

The pressures on the leading clubs to change will not stop with a 12-club super league. TV would like the added ingredient of regional rivalry, with one super league club "representing" each major footballing area. This would

mean merging Newcastle and Sunderland, Arsenal and Tottenham, Aston Villa and Birmingham City, Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers, Derby and Nottingham Forest, Leeds and the Sheffield clubs, Manchester United and Manchester City, but not of course Everton and Liverpool.

Ground sharing would come before mergers. It is shameful to realise the world cup will not be held in England for at least another 20 years because we no longer have the grounds with the capacity and facilities to stage the competition. Ideally we need some clubs to merge and move to newly-built stadia. Outside London the redevelopment of existing grounds is not enough to finance a stadium without local or central government money.

The one stadium which can take the size of crowds attracted by the leading Italian and Spanish clubs is, of course, Wembley. With a super league and European competition to bolster their support, Arsenal and Tottenham say, having turned Highbury and White Hart Lane into Tescos, would alternate Milanese style and weave new legends on the magic turf.

Investing in the new golden age of English football is not easy. Only one first division club is quoted but it happens to be Tottenham, which is well placed, better managed than most and worth 112p a share. An offer of £12 million for the two best players is an interesting challenge for chairman Irving Scholar, who must be mindful of shareholders' interests and also aware of the lamp post from which he and his fellow directors would be strung if he does a deal with Signor Agnelli.

Kenneth Fleet is a director of TVS Entertainment.

## Eastern promise lures Lonrho to Asko stake

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU  
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Lonrho, the international trading company, has bought a 10 per cent stake in Asko, one of West Germany's largest retailing conglomerates, for DM281 million.

The move is the latest in a series of investments in West Germany by Lonrho, whose ultimate aim is to benefit from the opening of the Eastern European markets.

Asko, whose interests range from out-of-town hypermarkets and wholesaling to textiles, became one of the largest retailers in East Germany after it signed a co-operation deal with the East German consumer association, which accounts for about a third of that nation's food retailing.

Lonrho derives DM10 billion of its trade from West Germany: through its Kühne & Nagel transport company, Krupp Lonrho, the trading house, and property interests in Frankfurt and Baden-Württemberg.

Paul Spicer, a director of Lonrho, said: "We are looking at a lot of other possible developments in Germany and around Germany."

Helmut Schäfer, Asko's chairman, said: "There are a



Rowland: joining board

number of synergies, particularly in the distribution side and from Lonrho's property involvement."

West German retailers are suffering from an acute shortage of development properties as a consequence of tough planning restrictions. Dr Schäfer said Lonrho's international trading activities would help the company engage in barter trade with Eastern Europe, popular in countries that suffer from foreign currency shortages.

Asko's network of petrol stations is of value to Lonrho's fuel trading business. The two companies already op-

erate a joint venture trading firm in Bulgaria. Dr Schäfer said a similar agreement is about to be reached in Hungary, which with Czechoslovakia is considered by Asko to be the main Eastern European market in the short term.

"In East Germany we are already investing heavily, but the same can't be said for the rest of Eastern Europe yet. What we are talking is primarily a transfer of management skills and know-how."

Talks with Lonrho started last year, when the board of Asko approved in principle the sale of a 10 per cent stake by Asko, a West German retailing group, to Lonrho. Tiny Rowland, Lonrho's chief executive, will join Asko's supervisory board in August. About DM215 million will be paid in cash, with the remainder in Lonrho shares.

Asko had a turnover of DM16 billion last year. Through cross shareholdings, the company is linked with Massana and Metro, the Swiss-German wholesaler. The three companies have a combined turnover of DM44 billion.

Meanwhile, Lonrho is to sell its subsidiary PJH Group, a plumbing and electrical appliances company, for £67.5 million in cash.

## HK Bank unit dives into red

From LULU YU  
IN HONG KONG

MARINE Midland Bank, the American offshoot of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, slipped into the red in the second quarter of this year because of credit problems in the commercial property market.

Net losses were \$25.8 million against net profits of \$41.4 million in the second quarter of last year. For the first half of this year, the bank reported net losses of \$19.8 million, against net profits of \$81.6 million the previous year.

Despite the losses, the bank's "tier 1" capital adequacy ratio improved from 3.8 per cent to 4.9 per cent, reflecting support from the Hongkong Bank which injected \$300 million in capital in the first half.

Marine's core business also improved, with operating expenses reduced by some 8 per cent from a year ago.

The bank has been steadily reducing its exposure to debts of less developed countries. It has increased its LDC loan-loss reserve ratio to 47 per cent, from 41 per cent, and cut the absolute value of outstanding LDC debt from \$1.03 billion at end-March to \$883 million.

## BES enjoys serious support

Last month I invited readers to let me know if they had made serious money by subscribing to a Business Expansion Scheme. I learned long ago that irony in newspapers is a mistake but from the screams you might have thought I had implied every man in the BES business was a eunuch or selling time-share.

"I inevitably got irritated," wrote Dennis Fredjohn of Capital Ventures, "by the constant criticism of what on the whole has been a very necessary and worthwhile source of finance for young ventures... It is true we have had our fair share of failures but the successes outnumber the failures substantially."

John Spiers of BES Investment thought my final comments "disappointing from a journalist of your experience and reputation". Look, for example, at the Charterhouse funds, he said. An investment of £10,000 in the 1983-4 fund would have generated

realisation proceeds of £14,220, with remaining investments valued at £1,394. "Not bad for a net cost of £2,500 to a top rate taxpayer." An analysis of all BES publicly-funded companies shows that investors have enjoyed "an excellent return on their money" - superior in fact to the return on the FT-All share index over the same period.

Jonathan Stone, chairman of Property Intelligence, which offers five on-line databases of information to the property industry, began in 1984 with £375,000 of largely BES money and expects profits this year to be about £500,000. "There were no promoters and the only thing that the professional advisers did was prepare the paperwork for which they were paid modest fees." In my note I had assumed the BES promoters and their advisers had not gone unrewarded but some clearly have been less rewarded than others.

Nigel Wray, deputy chairman of Sin-

ger & Friedlander, is very proud of Takare. A listed nursing home group, Takare raised £1 million as a BES issue at 100p. The shares trade at about 66 and S&F is "very proud" to own 29 per cent of the equity. Mr Wray "basically" agreed with everything I said.

The last word goes to Tim Villiers, chief executive of the BES Association: "BES investments are high risk, and it is therefore not unreasonable to expect some companies to fail. The facts are that 14 per cent of companies raising money under the BES between 1983-9 have since failed, but only 8 per cent of the invested money has been lost."

"To put these figures into context, I suspect that the losses in British & Commonwealth may well exceed the total losses in BES companies, when the final reckoning is made, whilst the real value of money invested in premium bonds will have decreased by more than 8 per cent over the last six years."

## UNLISTED SECURITIES

| 1990 | High | Low | Company  | Price  | Offer  | Change | %   | P/E |
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| 74   | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
| 75   | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
| 76   | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
| 77   | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
| 78   | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
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| 88   | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
| 89   | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
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| 100  | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| 1990 | High | Low | Company  | Price  | Offer  | Change | %   | P/E |
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| 136  | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
| 137  | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
| 138  | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
| 139  | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
| 140  | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |

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| 1990 | High | Low | Company  | Price  | Offer  | Change | %   | P/E |
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| 142  | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
| 143  | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
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| 146  | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
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| 148  | 113  | 113 | ABN Amro | 113.00 | 113.00 | 0.00   | 0.0 | 4.4 |
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## LONDON OIL REPORTS

Crude oil prices continued to make small gains as traders braced themselves for Wednesday's Opec meeting. Most products held steady in light trading with the exception of fuel which fell back to meet utility buyers' needs.

## CRUDE OILS (Brent/BBL)

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| 5.58 | 32.88 | 100.0 | 57 | 89.1  | 122 | Wentworth Miller Shiba Gas  | 5.52 | 61.19 | 98.8 | 12 | 112.2 |
| 6.00 | 41.68 | 101.0 | 17 | 119.3 | 2   | Merlin Jupiter American Cap | 5.97 | 117.1 | 98.2 | 21 | 89.2  |
| 6.01 | 71.95 | 99.9  | 55 | 101.5 | 30  | MGM North American Gth      | 6.00 | 65.27 | 95.6 | 91 | 93.5  |
|      |       |       |    |       |     | Midwest North American      | 5.54 | 104.2 | 99.4 | 73 | 89.2  |

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|------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|--------------------------|------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| 6.41 | 11.50 | 99.5  | 130 | 114.0 | 3   | Abnvest European Capital | 6.33 | 111.7 | 102.2 | 0   | 118.3 |
| 6.01 | 182.3 | 99.5  | 81  | 90.8  | 117 | Abnvest European         | 6.33 | 97.73 | 98.7  | 72  | 126.3 |
| 6.00 | 425.1 | 100.1 | 50  | 95.5  | 72  | Abnvest European Inc     | 6.32 | 93.74 | 98.4  | 80  | 126.9 |
| 0.48 | 0.15  | 0.15  | 0.0 | 0.0   | 0.0 | Abnvest European         | 6.32 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.0 | 0.0   |

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# Portfolio

## PLATINUM

From your Portfolio Platinum card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add these prices to your own against the weekly dividend figure on this page. If it matches the dividend figure on this page, you have won outright or a share of the total weekly claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

| No. | Company           | Group            | Share Price |
|-----|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1   | Berkley Gp        | Building/Roads   | 100         |
| 2   | Firm Tech         | Electronics      | 100         |
| 3   | Black & Leis      | Draperies/Stores | 100         |
| 4   | Industrials L.R.  | Industrials L.R. | 100         |
| 5   | Green (as)        | Breweries        | 100         |
| 6   | King & Seward     | Bank/Discount    | 100         |
| 7   | Bank Of Ireland   | Bank/Discount    | 100         |
| 8   | Bulmer (H) Pl     | Breweries        | 100         |
| 9   | Pittenger (as)    | Industrials L.R. | 100         |
| 10  | Galena Mahon      | Bank/Discount    | 100         |
| 11  | Unilever          | Electronics      | 100         |
| 12  | P & O Ltd (as)    | Transport        | 100         |
| 13  | McCarthy          | Industrials L.R. | 100         |
| 14  | Rothmans          | Property         | 100         |
| 15  | Corn Farmers      | Draperies/Stores | 100         |
| 16  | Metro             | Property         | 100         |
| 17  | PGF Hodge         | Industrials L.R. | 100         |
| 18  | Coal Gas          | Oil/Gas          | 100         |
| 19  | SAT (as)          | Oil/Gas          | 100         |
| 20  | Walc Water        | Water            | 100         |
| 21  | Walc Water        | Water            | 100         |
| 22  | Alfred Text       | Textiles         | 100         |
| 23  | Sandhu (as)       | Draperies/Stores | 100         |
| 24  | Turnbull Som      | Transport        | 100         |
| 25  | Burton End        | Property         | 100         |
| 26  | Barrow India      | Newsprint/Pub    | 100         |
| 27  | Amersham          | Chemicals/Plas   | 100         |
| 28  | Br Borico         | Oil/Gas          | 100         |
| 29  | Smurfit (as)      | Paper/Print/Adv  | 100         |
| 30  | Microgen          | Electronics      | 100         |
| 31  | Chatter Cons      | Industrials A-D  | 100         |
| 32  | JS Pathology      | Industrials E-K  | 100         |
| 33  | Son & New (as)    | Breweries        | 100         |
| 34  | Water             | Water            | 100         |
| 35  | Allied Ind        | Bank/Discount    | 100         |
| 36  | Allied Ind (as)   | Breweries        | 100         |
| 37  | North West        | Industrials A-D  | 100         |
| 38  | Forman            | Draperies/Stores | 100         |
| 39  | Liberty           | Draperies/Stores | 100         |
| 40  | Smith WH (A) (as) | Draperies/Stores | 100         |
| 41  | Allied Colloid    | Chemicals/Plas   | 100         |
| 42  | Canal Allen       | Bank/Discount    | 100         |
| 43  | Cookson (as)      | Industrials A-D  | 100         |

Please take into account any minus signs

| Weekly Dividend   |     |     |     |     |     |              |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper. |     |     |     |     |     |              |
| MON   | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | Weekly Total |
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The winner of the £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday was Mr R W Blackmore, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

## BRITISH FUNDS

| 1990 | High | Low | Stock | Price | Change | %   | P/E |
|------|------|-----|-------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| 100  | 100  | 100 | 100   | 100   | 100    | 100 | 100 |
| 101  | 101  | 101 | 101   | 101   | 101    | 101 | 101 |
| 102  | 102  | 102 | 102   | 102   | 102    | 102 | 102 |
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## FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

| 1990 | High | Low | Stock | Price | Change | %   | P/E |
|------|------|-----|-------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| 100  | 100  | 100 | 100   | 100   | 100    | 100 | 100 |
| 101  | 101  | 101 | 101   | 101   | 101    | 101 | 101 |
| 102  | 102  | 102 | 102   | 102   | 102    | 102 | 102 |
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## OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

| 1990 | High | Low | Stock | Price | Change | %   | P/E |
|------|------|-----|-------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| 100  | 100  | 100 | 100   | 100   | 100    | 100 | 100 |
| 101  | 101  | 101 | 101   | 101   | 101    | 101 | 101 |
| 102  | 102  | 102 | 102   | 102   | 102    | 102 | 102 |
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## INDEX-LINKED

| 1990 | High | Low | Stock | Price | Change | %   | P/E |
|------|------|-----|-------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| 100  | 100  | 100 | 100   | 100   | 100    | 100 | 100 |
| 101  | 101  | 101 | 101   | 101   | 101    | 101 | 101 |
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## BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

| 1990 | High | Low | Stock | Price | Change | %   | P/E |
|------|------|-----|-------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| 100  | 100  | 100 | 100   | 100   | 100    | 100 | 100 |
| 101  | 101  | 101 | 101   | 101   | 101    | 101 | 101 |
| 102  | 102  | 102 | 102   | 102   | 102    | 102 | 102 |
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## ELECTRICALS

| 1990 | High | Low | Stock | Price | Change | %   | P/E |
|------|------|-----|-------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| 100  | 100  | 100 | 100   | 100   | 100    | 100 | 100 |
| 101  | 101  | 101 | 101   | 101   | 101    | 101 | 101 |
| 102  | 102  | 102 | 102   | 102   | 102    | 102 | 102 |
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## STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Oil shares buoyant

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 9. Dealings ended yesterday. Settlement day July 30. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (as) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 46).

| 1990 | High | Low | Company | Price | Change | %   | P/E |
|------|------|-----|---------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| 100  | 100  | 100 | 100     | 100   | 100    | 100 | 100 |
| 101  | 101  | 101 | 101     | 101   | 101    | 101 | 101 |
| 102  | 102  | 102 | 102     | 102   | 102    | 102 | 102 |
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## BREWERIES

| 1990 | High | Low | Company | Price | Change | %   | P/E |
|------|------|-----|---------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| 100  | 100  | 100 | 100     | 100   | 100    | 100 | 100 |
| 101  | 101  | 101 | 101     | 101   | 101    | 101 | 101 |
| 102  | 102  | 102 | 102     | 102   | 102    | 102 | 102 |
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## BUILDING, ROADS

| 1990 | High | Low | Company | Price | Change | %   | P/E |
|------|------|-----|---------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| 100  | 100  | 100 | 100     | 100   | 100    | 100 | 100 |
| 101  | 101  | 101 | 101     | 101   | 101    | 101 | 101 |
| 102  | 102  | 102 | 102     | 102   | 102    | 102 | 102 |
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| 110  | 110  | 110 | 110     | 110   | 110    | 110 | 110 |

## FINANCE, LAND

| 1990 | High | Low | Company | Price | Change | %   | P/E |
|------|------|-----|---------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| 100  | 100  | 100 | 100     | 100   | 100    | 100 | 100 |
| 101  | 101  | 101 | 101     | 101   | 101    | 101 | 101 |
| 102  | 102  | 102 | 102     | 102   | 102    | 102 | 102 |
| 103  | 103  | 103 | 103     | 103   | 103    | 103 | 103 |
| 104  | 104  | 104 | 104     | 104   | 104    | 104 | 104 |
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| 109  | 109  | 109 | 109     | 109   | 109    | 109 | 109 |
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## FINANCIAL TRUSTS

|     |                    |        |     |     |     |   |      |    |      |    |
|-----|--------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|---|------|----|------|----|
| 77  | Pharmacia          | Timber | 10  | 75  | 79  | 1 | 27.3 | 48 | 19.2 | 5  |
| 104 | Pfizers            |        | 10  | 10  | 11  | - | 27.7 | 36 | 5.3  | 5  |
| 105 | Pfizer             |        | 10  | 10  | 11  | - | 27.7 | 36 | 5.3  | 5  |
| 585 | Pharmacia Corp (2) |        | 678 | 685 | 720 | 1 | 24.0 | 25 | 10.0 | 86 |
| 586 | RMC Inc            |        | 127 | 137 | 147 | 1 | 29.1 | 69 | 8.6  | 10 |
| 587 | RMC Inc            |        | 127 | 137 | 147 | 1 | 29.1 | 69 | 8.6  | 10 |
| 588 | RMC Inc            |        | 127 | 137 | 147 | 1 | 29.1 | 69 | 8.6  | 10 |
| 589 | RMC Inc            |        | 127 | 137 | 147 | 1 | 29.1 | 69 | 8.6  | 10 |
| 590 | RMC Inc            |        | 127 | 137 | 147 | 1 | 29.1 | 69 | 8.6  | 10 |
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Stakes in bricks and mortar are still far too risky, cautions Rupert Bruce

# Recovery in property shares stands on shaky foundations

SICKLY property shares have been showing signs of life over the past month but that does not mean it is time to invest in bombed-out property unit trusts in anticipation of meteoric price recoveries.

Optimists are expecting a fall in interest rates — perhaps early next year — that will take some financial pressure off highly indebted property companies. Instead, they should be looking at the number of cranes and "to let" signs in the City of London.

Property companies have built and are building too much office space, according to Carl Gough, a property analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker.

"For the foreseeable future we believe there is a lot more pain to come," he said.

In the City, which contains over a third of the country's offices, there is 7.8 million sq ft vacant out of a total of 70 million sq ft. The property companies are expected to reduce their rents.

In London's developing Docklands there is about 1.5 million sq ft to let and a further 10 million sq ft in Canary Wharf, Olympia & York. Canary's owners, have been using sweeteners to attract tenants.

There are few signs of overbuilding as yet in the provinces, but the development boom started later there and some analysts think it just a matter of time. Retail property has its problems too, as consumers continue to cut back on spending, forcing shops to close.

And UBS predicts there is £9.7 billion worth of property coming on to the market each year from speculative developers who must sell sooner rather than later. Demand amounts to only £5 billion worth of property a year.

Fears of a glut coupled with the reaction to higher interest rates sent property shares tumbling in the middle of 1989. The handful of property unit trusts have fallen from being among the best performing in 1988 to being



Under construction: Building continues at Canary Wharf despite sweeteners being needed to entice tenants

among the worst. They have consequently shrunk in size as investors have sold out.

The Windsor Property Shares trust, for example, is a shadow of its former self at £2 million rather than the £7 million attained in 1987.

David Lis, the Windsor trust's manager, has watched it fall from being the best performing unit trust in 1988 to being one of the worst, even among property trusts. It has not been fortunate enough to own any of April's takeover stocks such as City Gate Estates, London & Edinburgh Trust and Laing Properties.

Mr Lis said some property and some housebuilding companies' shares are cheap and he was investing in them. Even so, he does not believe it is time to buy his trust yet. "I am not jumping up and down and saying everyone should

buy, but I don't think the time is far off," he said.

The Confederation Property Shares trust has outperformed most other property shares since inception two years ago. It has had the good fortune to hold takeover targets such as Imry, Arlington, Peachey and Laing.

Nigel Beidas, who runs the trust, is distinguishing between property investment and development companies. The former buy or develop their properties and then hang on to them to collect the rent, while the latter develop and sell.

The developers are getting into trouble because they cannot sell properties to pay off their debts, according to Mr Beidas. He has only one developer in his portfolio. Such companies have been going bust and will probably

continue to do so. Kentish Properties, JM Jones, Declan Kelly and Sibe are among those who have been forced into liquidation for administration, while Sheraton has arranged a refinancing.

The outlook for the residential property market and housebuilding shares is brighter. Mark Stockdale, housebuilding analyst at BZW, the broker, said: "I think there will undoubtedly be a reasonably slow recovery over the next couple of years."

"The outlook for housebuilding shares is quite good because the stockmarket anticipates 18 months ahead." Even so, property analysts are not as optimistic as the Halifax was in its June survey, when it said the housing slump in the Southeast had bottomed out. Commercial

property forms the bulk of a property trust's portfolio and, historically, tends to recover from price slumps about a year later.

If interest rates go up, a housebuyer can pull out of a transaction, while a developer has to finish the site he is half way through.

One analyst does not expect property shares to rally for 18 months. That implies no revival in commercial property values for three years. There may be a false dawn among property shares and unit trusts when interest rates do start coming down, but there will still be plenty of vacant office space.

The gloomy analyst said: "There will be good dividend growth in some of the larger property companies. But cash is a better investment for now."

UNIT trusts will soon be able to buy property, but investors may find that selling their holdings in the new property trusts can take even longer than selling a house.

At the moment, the only way for unit trusts to invest in property is by buying shares in property companies. When an investor cashes in units, the trust sells shares to pay the investor.

With the new property trusts, a rush of investors attempting to withdraw would force the unit trust to sell property, which takes longer than selling shares on the stock market.

The Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the markets watchdog, hopes to limit the risk by preventing property trusts from investing more than 80 per cent directly in property.

SIB's draft rules for the new property trusts do, however, allow for a suspension of dealing if there is not enough cash to pay off departing unitholders.

The watchdog proposes that these trusts, which should be marketed some time next year, carry health warnings advising that the investment is "not suitable for a person who may wish to realise his investment at short notice".

Jeremy Edwards, group managing director of Henderson Administration, has been presiding over a similar fund since 1981.

The Prime Residential Property Fund is a life assurance bond fund, investing in central London property worth between £250,000 and £500,000.

It performed well on the back of a buoyant property market between 1981 and 1983 and attracted the attention of financial advisers. The fund grew from £5 million to £95 million in early 1987.

But in the spring of 1987, brokers decided the stockmarket was the place to be and rushed to sell. The fund now holds £25 million worth of property.

Henderson could not sell property fast enough to pay departing investors and so



Changed outlook: Jeremy Edwards of Henderson

payments, and exit prices, were suspended for 12 months. The fund had never been more than 85 per cent invested, but the cash cushion was used up fast when investors rushed for the exit.

Mr Edwards said: "I have to say that with hindsight these property funds by definition are not the ideal stable vehicles for the average private investor."

"They are too illiquid. Even though there is a health warning there is a tendency to think

these things are immediately accessible."

The new property funds can seek to circumvent the liquidity problem by investing a lower proportion in property and keeping the rest in cash. They would be better placed to meet redemptions, but investors would not reap the full benefit of property price rises.

Will Henderson be launching a unit trust investing directly in property next year? "Highly unlikely," said Mr Edwards.

## UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

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## Regulator studies Manx company

By JILL INSLEY

THE Isle of Man Insurance Authority has begun investigations into Asset Management, an unauthorised Manx investment company, which has allegedly been offering insurance bonds in Britain.

Asset Management, based at National House, Ballafurt Estate, Santon, Isle of Man, is not authorised to conduct insurance business, and does not hold the permit required for insurance companies authorised by regulatory bodies elsewhere in the world that want to conduct insurance business on the island.

But a letter from the company, dated June 18, 1990, says it issues insurance bonds, and it is still prepared to accept investments from existing customers.

The investments, called Capital Deposit Bonds, are described in the letter as single premium whole life assurance policies on a single or joint life basis, with a death benefit equal to the accumulated value of the bond at the time of death.

Bill Hastings, chief executive and insurance supervisor of the island's Insurance Authority, said: "It's not a registered insurance company, and evidence has been put in front of me which indicates it has been carrying out insurance business. We've instigated investigations."

It is not known how much money has been invested in Asset Management from Britain and elsewhere. The company's directors, as last registered with the Isle of Man's company registration authority on April 1988, are John and Alexandra Solly of Ballafurt Farm, Santon, and Michael Jackson of Saint Julia De Loria in Andorra. Its registered secretary is Worldwide Management Services, a Librarian-based company.

Mr Solly, questioned about the company last week, said he was unsure if he was a director. After further questioning he said he was not.

Mr Solly's brother, Mark Solly, was formerly head of investment supervision on the Isle of Man and is currently a partner of Moore Stephens, the accountants.

He said: "I haven't a clue what kind of company Asset Management is. My brother has hundreds of companies."

Asset Management sold its products through Financial Centres, a financial adviser based in St Albans, Hertfordshire. Roger Shrubbs, who was then director of this intermediary firm and has since become a tied agent for Allied Dunbar, the insurance company, said: "I never believed Asset Management to be a life office. I looked on them as providers of mortgage-related business initially, and then deposit takers."

He said he believes the bonds may have been underwritten by another insurance company, but papers held by one Asset Management client give no indication of another company's involvement.

## Higher-rate taxpayers lose out in cautious approach to investment

By RICHARD IRVING

AGAINST the current background of economic uncertainty, many private investors have been content to stay away from the equity market, preferring instead the relative safety of the building society.

But for higher-rate taxpayers this cautious approach to investment has not paid off. With deposit rates net of higher rate income tax languishing around 9.5 per cent and with inflation at 9.8 per cent, investors are actually losing money in real terms.

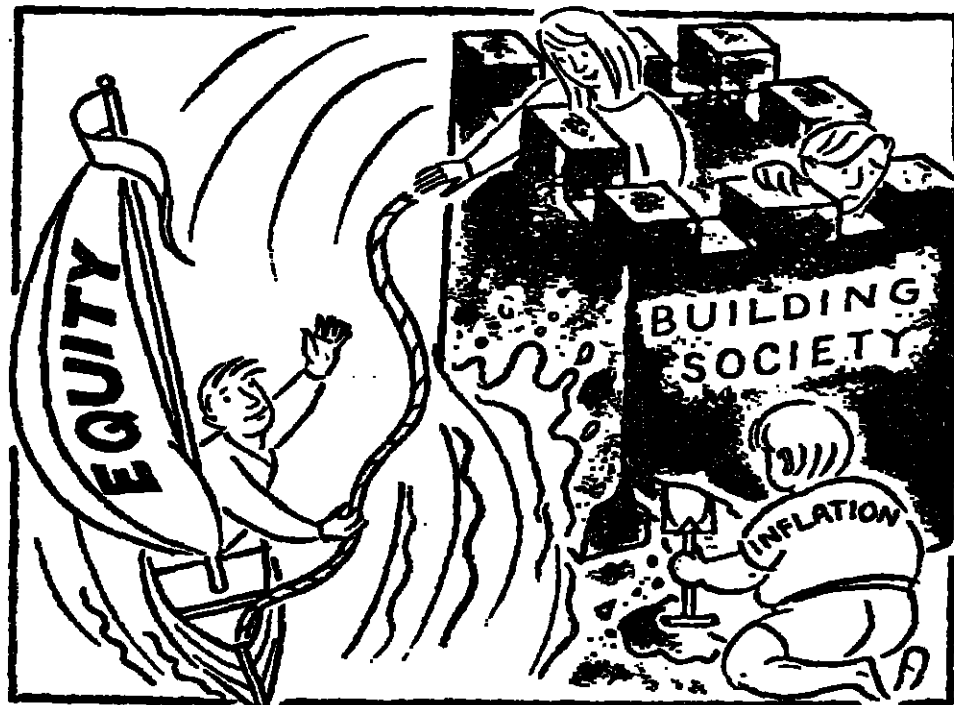
A situation which, if anything, is likely to grow worse. According to John Sheppard, Warburg's chief economist, inflation will only start to come down gradually.

"By the year-end, the retail prices index, the main pointer to inflation, will show only a marginal improvement on June's figures, after peaking in July or August," he said.

Interest rates should fall further and more quickly. Most economists predict either a 1 or 2 per cent decline in base rates by the year-end and a further 3 per cent by the middle of 1991. In all, the outlook suggests that higher-rate taxpayers are going to lose even more money in real terms as the year wears on.

Yet investors seem willing to accept the situation. "I would go so far as to say that the majority of my clients who are higher-rate taxpayers are still in the building society," said Jamie Berry, of Berry Asset Management, the independent financial adviser.

"I'm not suggesting people should close down their deposit accounts and put all their money into the equity



market. The building society is an excellent home for an emergency fund, and should continue to play an important part in investors' portfolios.

"Nevertheless higher-rate taxpayers are over-exposed to such accounts and underweight in the equity market, and should therefore consider a range of alternative investments."

It is worth remembering that in the search for more competitive returns a greater degree of risk must be accepted. Deposit accounts guarantee a rate of return as well as the original capital invested, equities do not. But then, as Mr Mills pointed out, "historically, equity investment always outperforms

building society rates over the longer term."

For higher-rate taxpayers, a personal equity plan (Pep) should be the first step.

According to Mr Berry, many investors do not bother with a Pep, believing the sums involved to be too small to make any real difference. Since December 1989, however, a married couple using their full entitlement could have invested £27,000 between them, completely tax-free.

The first £3,000 of a Pep must be invested in British equities, although the remaining £24,000 may be put into a unit trust or investment trust, allowing investors to choose a British income fund or growth

fund depending on their individual needs.

Income unit trusts are particularly attractive, either for use in a Pep or on their own. A sum of £1,000 invested in the sector's top performing fund, the Newton Income Fund, back in 1985 would now be worth £3,412, assuming income to be reinvested: a performance that not only beats the FT-SE Index, but also building society higher investment rates and the sector average for growth funds.

But for investors looking for capital gain, Kean Sager, managing director of Whitechurch Securities, recommends a split capital investment trust.

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## Junk mail tops list of data complaints

By BARBARA ELLIS

JUNK mail was the main source of complaints to the Data Protection Registrar last year, accounting for 45 per cent of the 2,698 filed, nearly three times the previous year's level.

But Eric Howe, of the Data Protection Registrar, took no enforcement action on any of these complaints, and said that direct mail operators were making progress in improving their methods.

He saw the most urgent work for his office as curbing indiscriminate use of credit information and fighting creeping encroachment on personal information.

Earlier this month, Mr Howe issued a preliminary enforcement order against four credit reference agencies, instructing them to stop using third-party information by August 6. This would mean the agencies ending their practice of supplying enquirers with information on people with different surnames living at the same address.

Mr Howe's annual report, out this week, records a typical complaint on third-party information from a man living in a housing association property with 103 residents but no individual addresses. When his application for credit was rejected, he asked for copies of his credit reference files and found adverse information concerning various other residents of the property.

This week, the Industry Forum on Data Protection, a grouping of building societies, finance houses and consumer credit companies, said that from July 31 next year it would not expect the reference agencies to give information on people with the same address as the credit applicant if their surname was different.

Mr Howe said that this statement was no different from an offer the industry had made in 1988. Being in a "quasi-judicial" position, he could not comment in detail, but noted that his enforcement notice had been issued not against the credit industry, but against the reference agencies.

During the year, Mr Howe successfully fought off a government move to have National Insurance numbers used as identification for participants in the Student Loans Scheme.

"My objection was that as a matter of principle the National Insurance number should not be used unless it was absolutely necessary," said Mr Howe, noting the possibility of "data matching" drawing together information on one individual from various sources if the same identifier were used repeatedly.

Mr Howe had less success in seeking to alter the changed regulations on the sale of the electoral rolls.

Local authorities are now obliged to supply copies of the electoral roll on demand. As this is a statutory matter, it is outside the scope of the Data Protection Act, but Mr Howe argued that since electors were constrained to provide information for the roll, they were also being forced to provide it to anyone who cared to buy the records.

Although he failed to persuade the Home Office that electors should be allowed to opt out of having their names and addresses passed on, he said ministers agreed in principle that it might be possible for local authorities to supply lists of companies who bought copies of the rolls.

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## Support level raised for places at public schools

IN THE early hours of Thursday, Alan Howarth, parliamentary under-secretary at the Department of Education and Science, announced changes to the assisted places scheme from next month.

The scheme, which subsidises places at public schools for the children of less well-off parents, is increasing the amount of "relevant income" that can be disregarded from £7,584 to £8,200, with corresponding increases above this level.

To encourage greater take-up, the minister announced that more schools were joining the scheme and that 60 per cent of pupils accepted must come from the state sector. In the school year now ending, 33,268 places were available in England, of which 27,008 were filled, and in Wales 631 pupils took advantage of the scheme. There is a similar operation in Scotland but none in Northern Ireland.

The parental contribution depends upon the "relevant income". This is the gross sum

from all sources, including unearned income from dependent children, less £1,000 per child, apart from the placeholder. Also exempted are child benefit, mobility allowance and some other social security benefits.

From August 21 in England and Wales and August 1 in Scotland, parents will make no contribution to fees if their income is below £8,200. This can save thousands of pounds for parents of bright children. For example, Charterhouse in Godalming, Surrey, costs £6,975 a year per pupil and Ellesmere College in Shropshire costs £6,540.

Concern has been expressed about the low take-up in certain regions, particularly the Northeast. A pooling arrangement is being introduced to make available unfilled places to other schools.

Details of participating schools and further information are available from the Independent Schools Information Service, 56 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AG.

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# Corporate Pep 'first' spreads risk

By RUPERT BRUCE

CABLE and Wireless, the international electronics group, has launched what it believes to be the first corporate personal equity plan (Pep) allowing a split between a company's shares and a unit trust.

Pep holders have the option to invest in just Cable and Wireless shares or to put half of their cash into the Cazenove UK Income and Growth Fund.

Corporate Peps have been criticised in the past because there is no spread of risk in a portfolio of one share.

Harry Henderson, managing director of Cazenove Unit

Trust Management, said: "Here we have a corporate Pep, but at the same time we have tried to offer a diversification of risk alongside it."

Cable and Wireless's Pep also offers the advantage that all shares bought by the planholders are new shares and so there is no dealing charge. Smith & Nephew, the industrial company, pioneered this facility when its Pep was launched two months ago.

An increasing number of corporate Peps are being launched, taking advantage of the rules allowing an investment in equities of up to £6,000 each year free of tax.

About 30 have been launched since Peps were introduced in the 1987 Budget - seven since the beginning of this year.

British Aerospace, South West Water, Guardian Royal Exchange, Northumbrian Water, Royal Insurance, Abbey National and Lomax are among the companies offering corporate Peps. Their motivation is to increase employee share ownership and to widen their shareholder base.

The Cable and Wireless shares are roughly the same as other corporate Peps, while they are lower than those of the typical managed portfolio plans offered by financial

services companies. There is an initial charge of 0.5 per cent and an annual charge of 0.75 per cent, although Cazenove also takes a 1 per cent annual charge on the unit trust.

CC&P Trustees, which administers the bulk of corporate Peps, typically charges 1 per cent initially and 0.5 per cent annually.

Pep holders wanting to sell their Cable and Wireless shares would have to pay a stockbroker's commission of 0.5 per cent plus a £10 administration fee. That compares favourably with normal stockbroker commissions of 1 per cent and more.

The success of recent corporate Peps - Smith & Nephew has attracted £2 million and British Aerospace £650,000 in two months - is encouraging others. CC&P Trustees has plans to launch six more this year and has talked to British Petroleum, British Telecom and British Gas, among others.

Because so many financial products, like mortgages and pensions, utilise managed or unit trust Peps, investors should beware of inadvertently opening more than one. If they do, the second will be cancelled and the securities inside it made subject to both income and capital gains tax.



Henderson: diversification

## Lenders top up supply of fixed mortgages

By RODNEY HOBSON

ENTHUSIASM for fixed-rate mortgages continues unabated despite hopes of a fall in mortgage rates next year. Cash has run out for two schemes on offer, but three new ones were announced this week.

A tentative sign of easing interest rates comes with the Woolwich building society charging 13.65 per cent over the first two years. It has a tranche of £50 million available. The Woolwich is taking

an aggressive stand, following up an investment bond paying top interest rates launched earlier this month.

It claims to have the cheapest two-year fixed rate mortgage currently on offer, just below the 13.75 per cent offered by the Alliance & Leicester and 13.95 per cent from Barclay's Bank.

Mortgages with lower fixed rates than the Woolwich tend to run for longer periods in anticipation of a general easing of interest rates, although

First Mortgage Securities offers 12.95 per cent to the end of 1991. This carries compulsory accident, sickness and unemployment insurance.

The lowest current rate is 12.9 per cent from Nationwide Anglia, fixed for five years.

The £50 million allotted by Nationwide Anglia ran out this week but a further £25 million has been arranged to extend the offer.

Household Mortgage Corporation, which already has a

two-year fixed rate deal, is adding a two-year, 13.95 per cent offer specifically for first-time buyers. Loans are available up to 100 per cent.

Scarborough Building Society introduced a two-stage mortgage yesterday with interest at 14.4 per cent until August 31, 1991, and 12.95 per cent until August 1992. Unlike many fixed-rate mortgages that must be linked to an endowment or pension, this one is available as a repayment mortgage. The York

shire Building Society has just closed its fifth fixed-rate mortgage of the year after the available cash was exhausted. "All have proved popular and we expect to launch another," a spokesman said.

The National & Provincial expects its 13.8 per cent fixed-rate offer to be used up in the near future and intends to launch another soon afterwards. "The fact that a borrower can budget for a period of time is very attractive," it says.

### BRIEFINGS

■ Clerical Medical Investment Group is combining the growth potential of an investment bond with a tax-free bank or building society account. A lump sum invested in TessaSet is split into two schemes. A temporary annuity will make ten half-yearly payments of up to £900 each into a tax-exempt special savings account (Tessa) to be introduced in January following this year's Budget. The balance of the lump sum will be placed in an investment portfolio aimed at keeping the original capital sum intact over the term of the plan.

■ Co-operative Bank offers a payments protection plan to customers with overdrafts, secured personal loans or bridging loans. Sickness, accident and life assurance cover is provided in the event of death or disability. No medical is required and the plan, underwritten by Sun Alliance, is

available to people aged between 18 and 65 who are employed. A corporate version covers overdrafts and commercial borrowing.

■ Most members of company pension schemes retire with a considerably smaller pension than the maximum allowed and find there is a "retirement gap" between what they need and how much they receive, research by Sun Alliance shows. It is launching Pension Reserve for additional voluntary contributions for those in company schemes. The aim is to offer flexibility to suit individual needs.

■ Keith Taylor, a local government personnel executive, aged 42, from South Wirral, Merseyside, has been elected chairman of the Stock Exchange Investors' Club. He will sit on the International Stock Exchange chairman's Investors' Advisory Group.

### INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

|   | Normal<br>rate | Compounded<br>at tax rates<br>-25% | 40%   | Min/max<br>Investment £ | Notice | Contact      |
|---|----------------|------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|--------|--------------|
| <b>BANKS</b>  |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| Ordinary Dep A/c:<br>Typical  | 5.00           | 5.10                               | 4.08  | none/none               | 7 day  |              |
| <b>Fixed Term Deposits:</b>   |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| Barclays  | 10.81          | 10.81                              | 8.65  | 25,000-50,000           | 1 mth  | 071 628 1587 |
| BSA   | 11.38          | 11.38                              | 9.10  | 25,000-50,000           | 6 mth  | 071 628 1587 |
| Lloyds  | 10.43          | 10.43                              | 8.34  | 2,500-no max            | 1 mth  | Local Branch |
| "   | 10.67          | 10.67                              | 8.34  | 2,500-no max            | 6 mth  | Local Branch |
| Midland   | 10.43          | 10.43                              | 8.34  | 10,000-no max           | 1 mth  | 071 280 2906 |
| "   | 10.50          | 10.50                              | 8.30  | 10,000-no max           | 1 mth  | 071 280 2906 |
| NatWest   | 10.38          | 10.38                              | 8.30  | 10,000-no max           | 6 mth  | 071 280 2906 |
| "   | 10.38          | 10.38                              | 8.30  | 10,000-24,000           | 6 mth  | 071 728 1000 |
| "   | 10.38          | 10.38                              | 8.30  | 10,000-24,000           | 6 mth  | 071 728 1000 |
| <b>HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS</b>  |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| Barclays  | 10.45          | 10.37                              | 8.78  | 2,500+                  | none   | 031-442 7777 |
| BSA   | 9.50           | 9.84                               | 7.87  | 2,500+                  | none   | 0804 252891  |
| Co-operative  | 6.00           | 6.20                               | 4.98  | No limit                | none   | 01 628 6543  |
| Glaxo   | 6.25           | 6.25                               | 7.40  | 1,000+                  | none   | 051 598 2076 |
| Lloyds HCA  | 7.00           | 7.20                               | 5.75  | 500+                    | none   | 01-325 3338  |
| Midland HCA   | 9.50           | 9.84                               | 7.87  | 2,000+                  | none   |              |
| NatWest   | 9.00           | 9.31                               | 7.45  | 500+                    | none   | 01-374 3374  |
| Special Reserve   | 9.75           | 10.14                              | 8.08  | 2,500                   | none   | 01-656 8655  |
| Royal Bank of Scotland  | 9.00           | 9.00                               | 7.20  | 2,000+                  | none   | 01-600 8000  |
| <b>BUILDING SOCIETIES</b>   |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| Ordinary A/c:   | 5.00           | 3.75                               | 3.00  | 5-10,000                | 8 day  | 041-648-4555 |
| Investment A/c:   | 12.75          | 9.58                               | 7.65  | 5-25,000                | 1 mth  | 041-648-4555 |
| Income Bond   | 10.13          | 10.13                              | 8.10  | 2,000-25,000            | 3 mth  | 0253 96151   |
| Deposit Bond  | 13.50          | 10.13                              | 8.10  | 25-1,000                | 8 day  | 091-385-4900 |
| Stn Income Cert   | 8.50           | 8.50                               | 8.50  | 20-500/min              | 14 day | 041-648-4555 |
| Young Plan  | 9.50           | 9.50                               | 8.50  |                         |        |              |
| General   | 5.01           | 5.01                               | 3.01  |                         |        |              |
| Extension Return  | 13.00          | 9.75                               | 7.60  | 100-no max              | 5 yrs  | 041-648-4555 |
| Capital Bond  |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| <b>GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS</b>  |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| Regency Life  | 11.80          | 11.80                              | 10.03 | 15,000 min              | 1 yrs  | Figures from |
| Canterbury Life   | 11.00          | 11.00                              | 9.36  | 1,000 min               | 2 yrs  | Chase de     |
| Liberty Life  | 10.80          | 10.80                              | 9.01  | 25,000 min              | 3 yrs  | Very call    |
| HSI Select  | 10.50          | 10.50                              | 8.52  | 1,000 min               | 5 yrs  | 071 404 6768 |
|   |                |                                    |       |                         |        | for details  |
| <b>RPI (May 89-90)</b>  |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| Bank Base Rate  | 9.75%          |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| Personal Loan   | 15.0%          |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| Credit Card   | 18.5-31%       |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| <b>Holiday rates</b>  |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| <b>Spanish Pesetas:</b>   |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| <b>French Francs:</b>   |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| <b>Greek Drachmas:</b>  |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| <b>Italian Lira:</b>  |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| 12.5% for balances below £500, 15% for interest on free instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less. Additional charges up to £10.00 for transfers to savings accounts or money orders. 1% fee for instant access plus gross higher rates for larger sums. £1.00 charge on cash. |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| <b>CGT ALLOWANCE, JUNE 1990</b>   |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| The indexed rate for calculating the indexation allowance on assets disposed of in 1990   |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| 10 mth  |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |
| 1982  | 0.584          | 0.469                              | 0.399 | 0.318                   | 0.267  | 0.227        |
| 1983  | 0.585          | 0.527                              | 0.453 | 0.378                   | 0.312  | 0.262        |
| 1984  | 0.585          | 0.528                              | 0.453 | 0.378                   | 0.312  | 0.262        |
| 1985  | 0.585          | 0.528                              | 0.453 | 0.378                   | 0.312  | 0.262        |
| 1986  | 0.582          | 0.497                              | 0.424 | 0.331                   | 0.255  | 0.243        |
| 1987  | 0.548          | 0.468                              | 0.420 | 0.328                   | 0.258  | 0.243        |
| 1988  | 0.547          | 0.467                              | 0.420 | 0.328                   | 0.258  | 0.243        |
| 1989  | 0.547          | 0.467                              | 0.420 | 0.328                   | 0.258  | 0.243        |
| 1990  | 0.548          | 0.472                              | 0.406 | 0.328                   | 0.258  | 0.227        |
| The RPI month for deposits by individuals on or after April 6, 1985 (April 1, 1986 for companies) is the month in which the indexation allowance was incurred, or March 1985 where the expenditure was incurred before that month.  |                |                                    |       |                         |        |              |

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|-------------------------------|-------|-------|------|----------|------|--------------|
| Bank of Scotland MMC          | 10.45 | 10.57 | 8.78 | 2,500+   | none | 031-442 7777 |
| Barclays                      | 9.50  | 9.84  | 7.87 | 2,500+   | none | 0804 252891  |
| Prisma a/c                    |       |       |      |          |      |              |
| Co-operative                  | 6.00  | 6.20  | 4.98 | No limit | none | 01 628 6543  |
| Glaxo                         | 9.25  | 9.25  | 7.40 | 1,000+   | none | 051 598 2076 |
| Lloyds HCA                    | 7.00  | 7.20  | 5.75 | 500+     | none | 01-325 3338  |
| Midland HCA                   | 9.50  | 9.84  | 7.87 | 2,000+   | none |              |
| NatWest                       | 9.00  | 9.31  | 7.45 | 500+     | none | 01-374 3374  |
| Special Reserve               | 9.75  | 10.14 | 8.08 | 2,500    | none | 01-656 8655  |
| Royal Bank of Scotland        | 9.00  | 9.00  | 7.20 | 2,000+   | none | 01-600 8000  |
| Stn Press A/c                 |       |       |      |          |      |              |
| TSB (England & Wales)         | 9.00  | 9.00  | 7.20 | 2,000+   | none | 01-600 8000  |



## WEEKEND MONEY

## US juries put fly-drivers at risk

By BARBARA ELLIS

PEOPLE planning fly-drive holidays in America run the risk of serious under-insurance on hire cars if they simply take what is offered without question.

Each state has its own laws on motor insurance and sets different levels for compulsory cover, and sometimes none at all.

Most prices quoted by nationwide car rental companies include standard third-party liability cover of \$300,000 for any one accident, \$100,000 for any one injury and \$25,000 for damage to property.

But this is not enough, according to Steve Nickerson of Accident & General, who points out that American liability cases can involve much higher damages than those in Britain because they are determined by juries rather than judges.

"The jury can give very emotional and give unlimited figures out," he said, explaining that the two plans offered by his company raise cover to \$1 million in each case.

Cover extended from the standard minimum for up to four drivers aged over 25 would come to £38 for two weeks. If there are any under 25 drivers the cost is £56.

Where the hire company offers less than the standard cover, the cost of topping up the insurance to \$1 million



risks to £70 for four drivers over 25 for two weeks and to £98 if any are under 25. Drivers under 21 are barred by American car rental firms.

The Automobile Association also considers the \$300,000 level of cover per accident too low for America and recommends plans offered by Top Sure, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Extrasure Holdings, which is under-

written by New Hampshire Insurance. Like Accident & General, Top Sure extends cover to \$1 million, even on borrowed cars.

Top Sure's premiums range from £33 for one week for four named drivers aged over 25 to £120 for eight weeks. If any of the drivers are aged between 21 and 24, the rates rise to £46 for one week and £166 for eight weeks. Topping up from

below the standard cover, or covering a borrowed car, costs £60 for one week for four over-25 drivers or £83 for young drivers.

Cover for motor-homes or camper vehicles is about 50 per cent more expensive.

Top Sure also sells AmericaSure, a pound-denominated policy costing £116 for one week for four drivers over 21. This covers medical expenses

of up to £1 million, personal effects up to £1,000, currency up to £200, cancellation or curtailment costs of up to £2,000 and travel delay costs of up to £60. The plan also includes personal liability of up to £500,000 and collision damage waiver of up to £15,000.

Unlike third party liability, collision damage waiver (CDW) insurance is usually sold separately by American hire companies and is not included in the daily rate.

It covers all damage to the car, however caused. For Britons, the snag is that if they buy CDW here, the car rental company may be unwilling to accept it and may ask for some additional surety, such as a deposit.

A spokeswoman for Top Sure said the company had been having problems with a company called Lindo's in Florida, which had refused to accept its AmericaSure CDW cover, but said that as far as she knew all other rental companies were accepting it.

Lindo's is used by Virgin Holidays for its California and Florida fly-drive holidays. Virgin's brochure recommends holidaymakers to buy CDW cover when they collect their car, warning: "If you choose not to take it you will be asked to leave a security deposit of up to \$1,500 or an imprint of your credit card for a similar amount."

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## Counting the cost of cashing dollar cheques

By MARGARET DIBBEN

BUYING foreign exchange to take on holiday is easy, if sometimes expensive. But to cash a personal cheque made out in another currency is slow, costly and complicated.

A cheque offered in dollars should be declined in favour of cash. British clearing banks will handle the cheque but their system can involve posting it back to America for clearance and waiting for its return before they will open an account.

In some instances they will convert it from dollars to sterling and back again, costing money at every turn. The process can also take up to four weeks.

Banks have two methods of dealing with foreign currency cheques: collection and negotiation. Depending on the sums involved Midland Bank will negotiate a cheque worth up to £3,000, which means they lend the payee money against the cheque until it has cleared so that the funds can be used immediately.

For this service there is a flat fee of £5 for sums up to £500, while over £500 the charge is 0.25 per cent with a minimum of £10 and a maximum of £60. While waiting for the cheque to clear, interest is paid at 4 per cent above the base rate.

Cheques over £3,000 will be collected, which means one cannot draw on the money until it has been cleared in America. The fee for this is 0.25 per cent, minimum £10, maximum £60, plus the cost of posting the cheque backwards and forwards and any charges imposed by the bank's American agents.

A spokesman for National Westminster explained why clearing cheques in America takes such a long time.

"In this country, if you don't hear anything within three days you can assume the cheque is OK. But American banks can return cheques years later if they discover there are not sufficient funds in the account."

Cashing a foreign currency cheque can be even more expensive than opening an account. The cheque is converted to sterling and then back to dollars because the banks do their accounting in sterling. Customers lose money every time the cheque changes denomination.

To convert the cheque straight into dollar travellers' cheques takes several weeks while the funds clear. Midland charges 0.25 per cent plus the 1 per cent commission for travellers' cheques.

To open a foreign currency account in this country requires substantial funds.

Midland will open one for a minimum of £1,000 at a cost of £30 each half-year. But if the balance falls below this, there are additional charges. A

dollar deposit account on seven days notice requires a minimum \$1,500, earning 4.75 per cent.

Barclays, however, will open a dollar account with no minimum, but cheques might not be recognised outside New York. A deposit account needs \$2,500 and earns 5.75 per cent gross.

At NatWest, £1,000 is needed for a dollar deposit account earning interest at the New York prime rate. The bank will open a current account for a minimum £250, but cheques are unlikely to be accepted outside New York or New Jersey.

Lloyds demands a minimum of \$3,500 and interest is negotiable with the branch.

For someone stuck with a dollar cheque, the best plan is to visit the London branch of the issuing bank, if there is one, or cash the cheque on arriving in America.

With an American Express personal cheque the best idea is to exchange it for travellers' cheques, costing 1 per cent.

Robert Webb of Amex said: "We don't take third party cheques. To clear the cheque through the banking system is a lengthy and expensive exercise." Individuals cannot open a cheque account with American Express Bank because it only deals with corporate business.

Mr Webb added: "Provided it is an American Express cheque from the United States, we would honour our own paper and we could sell you a money order instead of travellers' cheques."

For a cheque of about \$500 a money order costs £4 but, unlike travellers' cheques it can only be cashed at American Express offices.

Kenny Niven, head of personal banking at Citibank in Britain, said: "Provided we could authenticate the cheque and get an OK to pay on it from the States you could use the cheque to buy a draft for a flat fee of £15." The draft can be cashed at any Citibank branch in New York for an additional charge. The equivalent cost in London is £10.

To open a Citibank time deposit account the minimum is £25,000, £5,000 for a two-day notice account and £1,500 for an interest-bearing current account opened in association with a deposit account.

Mr Niven explained: "Our business is not high street banking. We are not bankers to the high net worth individual, neither are we bankers to the mass retail market. We cater for the almost wealthy at the top end and the slightly better off than average at the bottom end."

The better option for small sums of money is to use the personal cheque to buy Citibank travellers' cheques at a cost of 1 per cent.

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## Danger of deposits that may never be returned

By MARGARET DIBBEN

TENANTS moving in to one of the many rented properties that are available are expected to hand over hundreds of pounds as a deposit with no guarantee that they will see their money again.

Unlike the protection that investors have through the Financial Services Act, no person acts as stakeholder for the deposit, the money does not have to be kept in a separate account and no interest has to be paid.

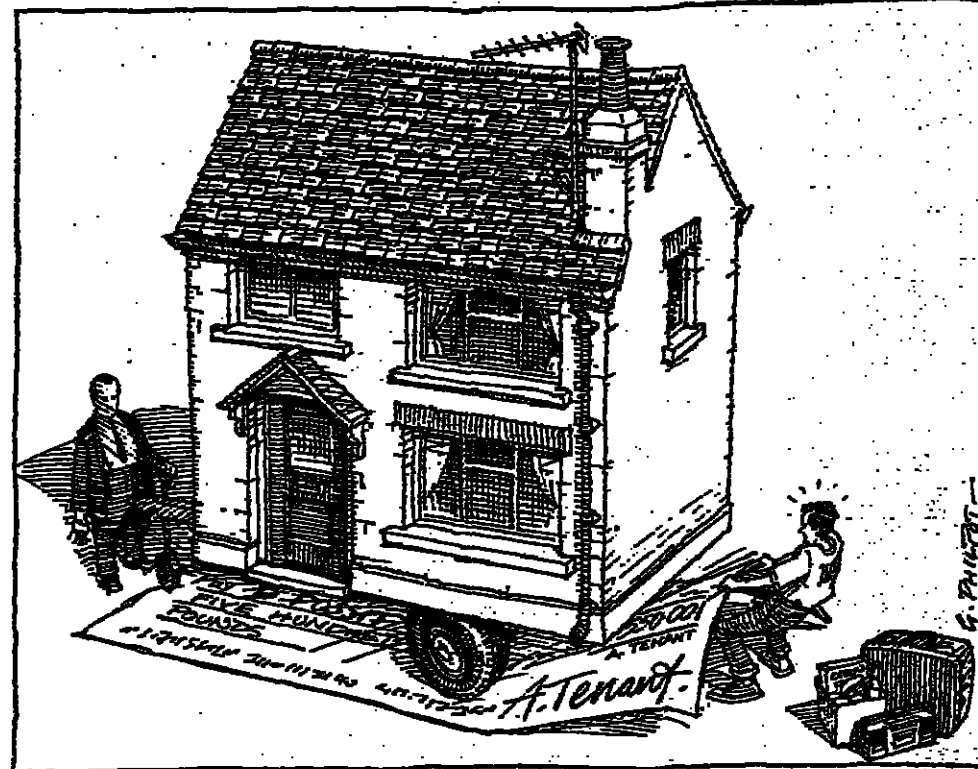
Very often one or two months' rent is payable in advance and in high price areas this can involve more than £1,000 or more without even getting a receipt for the money.

The National Consumer Council (NCC), which has been monitoring rental deposits, is now so concerned at the lack of protection that the council is considering whether it should press for a private member's bill to provide safety for tenants.

A recent NCC survey showed that one in four tenants believed their landlord had unfairly kept the deposit they had paid in advance.

Disputes can arise in various ways: the landlord can claim the deposit was never paid, which is impossible to refute if you have no receipt, or he may not have the money to pay back, either through deliberate fraud or financial difficulties.

A spokeswoman for the NCC said: "There are numerous disputes and cases where



people feel very strongly that the tenant is being ripped off by the landlord. With the increasing amount of property to rent and people moving much more, there will be many more instances of money being paid over in advance."

The NCC report explains that there are virtually no restrictions on charging deposits, premiums or key money.

Landlords do not need to issue receipts or record the physical state of the dwelling. There are no specific requirements on the landlord or agent as to where they put deposits

or what happens with any interest nor any agreed arrangements for refunding deposits. The report concludes: "The system is wide open to abuse by rogue landlords or agents."

The NCC advocates a successful system used in New South Wales, Australia, where money paid in deposit is held in trust by an independent board.

Students are particularly vulnerable to losing deposits because the majority of them rent flats and houses. Paul Fairst, professor of housing law at Hull University, is

about to research this problem.

He said: "Sometimes there is a dispute between the landlord and tenant about whether there has been damage to the furniture etcetera. Certainly in lots of cases there are problems about getting these deposits back. But if a student is leaving the university, it simply isn't worth the hassle of trying to get the money and the landlord gets a kind of windfall gain as a result. Most landlords, of course, behave perfectly properly but it's all too easy for the others to get away with it."

## Landlords' earnings find relief from tax

A GROWING number of people are becoming landlords. Some are buying properties at what they hope will be rock bottom prices in the expectation that the value will rise while a tenant pays the mortgage. Others caught out by the property slump have been unable to sell and are being bailed out by letting.

From the landlord's point of view, the tax implications of renting vary depending on whether it is a holiday home or not.

Andrew Tappin, a partner with BDO Binder Hamlyn, the accountant, explained: "There are several additional income tax and capital gains tax reliefs specifically for holiday lets which aren't available

for other lets. Someone unable to sell their home could rent it out as a holiday let to get the extra tax reliefs, but the house would have to be in an area where the lettings would be of a holiday nature and it would have to be for no more than a month at a time."

Holiday lets must be available for rent for 140 days a year and actually rented out for at least 70 days a year.

"A holiday let is treated as a business, making business profits," said Mr Tappin.

"If you make a loss, you can offset this against your other income such as salary and get immediate tax relief."

With non-holiday lettings, the rules are tougher. The property must be available for

letting throughout the year and actually let for six months. Any loss can be carried forward but it can only be offset against future profits from lettings.

Provided the letting fulfils this time restriction, there is tax relief on the interest on a loan to buy or improve the property. Tax relief is only allowed against income from the rent and not against any other earnings, but there is no £30,000 ceiling on the size of the loan. None of this applies to buying a property overseas to rent out.

With an ordinary let 10 per cent of the rent may usually be claimed for wear and tear. With holiday lets this does not apply and claims must be

made as a percentage of capital expenditure.

Liability for the community charge applies during any time a property is not being rented, at the standard rate which can be twice the personal rate. While there are tenants they must pay. With a holiday let, the uniform business rate will have to be paid instead, which can be deducted from rent before assessing profits.

While capital gains tax is payable when a holiday property is sold, if another one is bought the gain can be deferred. If this continues until the landlord is 60, then they qualify for retirement relief exempting up to £125,000 worth of capital gain.

## Charity warns on grants disarray

By LINDSAY COOK

A WARNING that local authorities are likely to be in disarray over renovation grants introduced at the beginning of July has been given by Age Concern, the charity, in a guide published this week.

The booklet shows how the three types of grants can be of use to retired and disabled people. The schemes, which offer grants of up to 100 per cent of the cost of the work, depend on the income of the applicant, their age and the state of their home.

A single person aged between 60 and 74 with a weekly income of less than £68.50 should get a grant for the full cost of necessary renovation work; a couple can get a 100 per cent grant with an income of £95.55. Savings up to £5,000 are ignored and then for every £25 an extra £1 is added to their weekly income.

Those who do not qualify for full grants can still get help. The council works out how much the applicant could afford to repay each week on a loan. In this way, someone with £25 above the limit might be thought of as being able to afford £5 a week. This may be thought enough to support a loan of £1,000. If the work comes to more than this a grant for the remainder should be available.

The councils make all the calculations and there is no compulsion to take a loan. It might be that a homeowner faced with £5,000 of repairs and qualifying for a £4,000 grant would either use savings or be helped by relatives. To qualify for a loan the home has to be more than ten years old and in need of repair.

Minor work grants of up to £1,000 are available to homeowners on low incomes for small but essential repairs. The property has to be occupied by someone aged over 60. Grants may be given to a relative wanting to adapt their home for an elderly parent. Insulation, draught proofing, and double glazing can sometimes be included.

Disabled facilities grants are to help people live as independently as possible. Social services departments may be able to provide further help.

**An Owner's Guide: Your Home in Retirement** is sponsored by Barclays Bank. It costs £2.50 from Department OG, Age Concern England, 1268 London Road, London SW16 4EL.

## Health plan extended to adults

CHILDSAFE, an accident and hospital plan for children, which was launched in 1987, is growing up. Personal Assurance, an independent insurance company, is extending the plan with a version for adults.

Christopher Johnston, managing director, said: "It is the sort of cover that parents consider essential for their children. Perhaps it's time they looked at it for themselves."

The company, which specialises in health and accident cover and is based in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, will pay benefits of £50,000 for permanent total disablement and major injuries, for £1,400 a week. Less serious injuries are covered on a sliding scale.

## Taxation guide

An updated guide to separate taxation for husbands and wives is published by Henderson Crosthwaite, the private client stockbroker. It includes a table showing who should choose accounts paying gross interest and a guide to switching ownership of shares to minimise tax liability.

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Insurance  
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From G.M. Cooper  
Sir, In view of the ever increasing popularity of adventure holidays, such as safaris, other mobile organised holidays and those to more remote locations likely to lack facilities, I would draw attention to a possibly expensive omission in some travel insurance policies, even those issued by large and apparently reputable companies.

Should a requirement for medical attention arise involving hospital out-patient treatment and possibly a hotel stop over, it may well be found that, whilst transportation to hospital and medical treatment is covered, hotel expenses and the cost of return to the holiday location is not. This is not highlighted in exclusion clauses and is justified on the basis of omission in the cover, something the majority of people would miss. It seems that financially you are better off dead or at least seriously ill when all expenses are paid to ship you home.

It is not so much a case of reading the small print as the blank spaces, as I found to my cost of £360.

Yours faithfully,  
G.M. COOPER  
9 St Malo Close,  
Ferring, Worthing,  
West Sussex



Debit débacle

From Mr Peter K. Ayles  
Sir, Following on from recent correspondence on direct debits, I recently completed an application form from Welsh Water which offered £10 from my next bill if I agreed to pay by direct debit.

Their reply rejected my application as "we cannot apply direct debits on metered accounts".

One day, perhaps, they will leap into the 20th century.

Yours faithfully,  
PETER K. AYLES,  
112 Llanwrst Road,  
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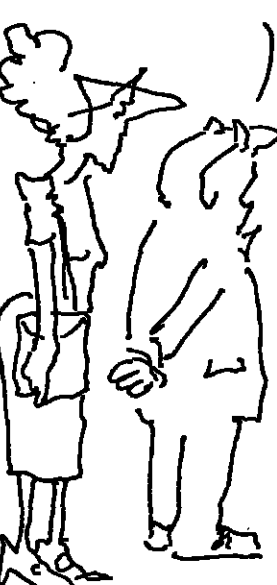


Portfolio  
PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of The Times this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes (today's are on page 43).

| Share | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat | Week |
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| 1     | +6  | +7  | +5  | +3    | +5  |     |      |
| 2     | +4  | +4  | +3  | +3    | +1  |     |      |
| 3     | +5  | +4  | +6  | +3    | +5  |     |      |
| 4     | +7  | +8  | +4  | +2    | +5  |     |      |
| 5     | +4  | +5  | +5  | +3    | +4  |     |      |
| 6     | +6  | +6  | +3  | +2    | +3  |     |      |
| 7     | +5  | +8  | +7  | +4    | +2  |     |      |
| 8     | +8  | +5  | +5  | +2    | +5  |     |      |
| 9     | +5  | +4  | +4  | +5    | +3  |     |      |
| 10    | +4  | +7  | +9  | +4    | +3  |     |      |
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| 12    | +4  | +3  | +5  | +5    | +3  |     |      |
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| 14    | +6  | +6  | +4  | +3    | +3  |     |      |
| 15    | +7  | +4  | +5  | +4    | +4  |     |      |
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| 19    | +5  | +8  | +4  | +3    | +2  |     |      |
| 20    | +6  | +4  | +6  | +2    | +7  |     |      |
| 21    | +5  | +3  | +5  | +4    | +3  |     |      |
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| 23    | +4  | +7  | +8  | +6    | +2  |     |      |
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He looks like  
he's just had  
a bill for the  
auction costs.



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The costs of going to auction

From Mr Warwick Blench  
Sir, In assessing the "hidden costs" of selling works of art at auction (Weekend Money, July 7) Ruth Corb falls short of a full exposé.

In deciding whether to sell an item through either a dealer or auctioneer the following should be remembered.

The auction house's total charge of nearly one third (buyer's premium, seller's commission, insurance and value added tax) is based on the wholesale value of the item. A similar charge levied by a dealer would normally be based on a much higher retail valuation assuming insufficient merit in the object.

The auction house will also be unlikely to guarantee that an item will sell, and in the event that it remains unsold is

entitled to charge "unsold commission", usually a percentage of the reserve, and will also charge for any catalogue illustration, which can easily run to over a hundred pounds.

Additionally, the period of time between one's sending the item to auction, its inclusion in a suitable sale, the sale itself and one's receipt of the funds will often result in a wait of many months.

In theory, at least, if not always in practice, a dealer may "place" your work of art the same day.

Yours faithfully,  
WARWICK J.R. BLENCH,  
Selective Eye Gallery,  
50 Don Street,  
St Helier,  
Jersey,  
Channel Islands.

Keeping control with standing orders

From Mr Frank Grenfell  
Sir, Correspondence about the direct debit system over the past few weeks has missed the main point: that it gives authority over one's bank account to another.

If an individual to whom I might in the future owe money suggested that he should help himself to unspecified amounts from my account at will, he would receive a short and sharp reply. Why should large organisations be

treated any differently? Direct debits are simple and convenient. Like anything else they can, and occasionally do, go wrong. I object to them on principle, and now insist that any regular payment from my account should be made by standing order, under my control.

Yours faithfully,  
FRANK GRENFELL,  
1 Broadbent House,  
Willowbrook, Eton,  
Windsor, Berks

Probing the mysteries of Gann

From Mr John T. Hayes  
Sir, With reference to the article "Investment diviners probe Mysteries of the Market" (Weekend Money, June 23), in which the Gann system is briefly mentioned, can you recommend further reading on the Gann system?  
Yours faithfully,  
JOHN T. HAYES,  
9 Bryn-y-Mor,  
Mathry,  
Haverfordwest,  
Dyfed.

William Gann wrote a number of books but they are all rather heavy going. You may like to obtain a copy of 45 years on Wall Street (the book that originally sparked off Fred Stafford's interest in the subject). Alternatively, the Gann analysis techniques are explained in the free seminars hosted by Investment Data Services Ltd.

Details are available from Gillian King. Telephone: 061-431-9559.

Zero interest  
in free credit

From Mrs A. Keith  
Sir, What I object to and come across increasingly often is the notice in shops: "0 per cent interest, 9 (or 10 or X) months to pay".

I recently bought a vacuum cleaner. The shop offered me several months' "free credit". I refused, having never bought anything on hire purchase. Then I was told that there was no reduction for cash payment; the price advertised was the price, even if one did not want the facility of payment.

Very reluctantly, I bought the cleaner because it was the make and the model that I wanted. However, I left the shop feeling cheated and I do feel that 0 per cent interest should be made illegal or that cash payments should be made compulsorily cheaper.

Yours faithfully,  
A. KEITH,  
14 South Canterbury Road,  
Canterbury,  
Kent,  
July 7.

Inflation relief would encourage savers

From H. Nixon  
Sir, It is reported that the Chancellor of the Exchequer wishes to encourage the UK population to increase its personal savings rate.

One suggestion to achieve this should be adopted by the Inland Revenue as soon as possible; it is to grant inflation relief (as is done for capital gains tax) to interest paid by banks and building societies to personal savers.

For example, bank or building society rate of interest 15 per cent gross, inflation rate 8 per cent, income tax due on 15 minus eight = 7 per cent.

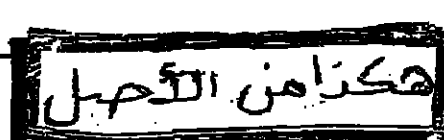
Such an additional tax allowance would give encouragement to savers and also give some compensation for the recent announcement of a

3 per cent increase in tax on bank and building society interest now that the consolidated tax arrangement is to be abolished.

To avoid additional work by the Inland Revenue, the banks and building societies should be responsible for making any calculations based on an Inland Revenue promulgation of the inflation rate for the tax year in question.

Yours faithfully,  
H. NIXON,  
41 Broadfields,  
East Molesey.

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## WEEKEND MONEY

Junk mail is getting trashier. Complaints to the Data Protection Registrar about unsolicited mail from companies have tripled in a year.

Electoral registers are the main source of names and addresses for junk mailers. They are available to any company as of right.

Shareholder lists are also raided without warning. Some Thames Water shareholders have received an offer from investment group MIM Britannia. The shareholders have been led to believe they have two options: either pay the second instalment or hand over their shares to MIM to be swapped for a personal equity plan.

MIM neglects to tell shareholders that if they accept the offer, they lose the loyalty bonus or discount on the water shares. Thames Water has made a formal complaint to the relevant watchdog, but that does not alter the fact that many shareholders may be confused by the offer, as they decide whether to pay the second instalment by July 31.

Many of the recipients of the MIM letter were young. In two

families of Thames shareholders it was the teenage children who received the offer, not the parents.

MIM said it was not targeting the young and inexperienced but those who had not already bought personal equity plans this year. Its mailing house eliminated almost a quarter of the shareholders on these grounds.

By yesterday morning it had received 1,000 calls from interested shareholders but could not say how many had converted into sales.

The group obtained the list of Thames shareholders from the water company's registrars and can use any other register that it chooses, without the permission or knowledge of the company concerned.

The privatisations and other popular flotations such as Abbey National have increased the scope for junk mailers. Charities decided they should share in the good fortune of Abbey members,



## COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK  
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

to whom it gave 100 free shares, trying emotional blackmail to persuade shareholders to hand part or all of the shares over.

A growing number of people are taking positive action to stop unwanted offers. Since the Mailing Preference Service was set up in 1983, 430,000 people have chosen to have their names removed from the lists of companies.

It usually takes two to three months from applying for junk-free post until all the companies have managed to put a stop to unsolicited offers.

Anyone wanting to be removed from the mailing lists of companies selling everything from timeshare to Christmas cakes should write to the service

at Freepost 22, London W1E 7EZ.

The organisation needs the surname and initials of each person who wishes to be removed.

## Short lived

Investors attracted by the rates offered by the Walthamstow building society in its advertisement this week for its 90-day notice account ought to be aware that the account should not be in existence for much longer than the notice period.

On July 31 members of the London-based society will be asked to vote on its proposed merger with the Cheltenham &

Gloucester building society and there is no reason to believe that it will not gain a whopping 90 per cent-plus majority to do so. The two societies are scheduled to merge on October 31. This gives investors, who responded immediately to Wednesday's advertisement and rushed £40,000 to one of its 11 branches, just 106 days to enjoy the 12.45 per cent offered.

At the end of October it is planned to scrap the 90-day account and transfer its customers to the C&G's instant access Gold account paying 11 per cent on such sums. The C&G does not have a 90-day account.

The largest print in the advertisement is the gross interest rate of 16.6 per cent. Technically savers who opened an account this week could, if the merger goes ahead, receive interest in July next year. If they were non-taxpayers this could then be paid gross. Few people with £40,000 available now will

be non-taxpayers and those who close their accounts in November to seek a better return will definitely not obtain 16.6 per cent, as the interest will be paid after tax has been deducted.

At the C&G a spokeswoman said that the Walthamstow could not assume that its members would vote for the merger to go ahead. The Walthamstow and C&G have to continue to trade as individual societies and to advertise their products until the matter was voted on. That was likely to mean further advertisements for the 90-day account next week when the merger is 99 days away.

Investors will be free to withdraw instantly their money in November, or late October if they give notice now. They may still feel they have been misled by the advertisements.

Those who decide to stay with the C&G will mostly be better off asking for an immediate transfer out of the Gold account into the London share account which is operated by post. This pays 12.25 per cent on sums over £2,500. But they will need to know about it.

## Investors face loss of funds after court bans tied agent

By JON ASHWORTH

INVESTORS who dealt with Peter Owen-Jackson, the former tied agent who had his assets frozen in the High Court last week, may not be eligible for any compensation if they are unable to realise their funds.

Mr Owen-Jackson was not authorised to conduct investment business under the Financial Services Act and his clients will not be covered by the Investors Compensation Scheme. This pays up to £48,000 to individual investors following the collapse of a regulated firm.

It is not yet clear how many investors he dealt with or how much money may be at stake. The Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the markets watchdog, which obtained two injunctions this week against Mr Owen-Jackson and Kentasot, his company, has launched an investigation into the affair and has appealed to investors to get in touch.

The injunctions require Mr Owen-Jackson and Kentasot to cease investment business, to disclose all assets in Britain and abroad, and not to deal in or dispose of any assets.

Mr Owen-Jackson began trading as an independent broker under the name Financial Planning Services in 1981, and dealt on a regular basis with Albany Life. He became a tied agent of Albany Life in September 1988, but the contract was ended a year later.

Mr Owen-Jackson may have been tied to another life

assurance company before working exclusively for Albany Life, but this could not be confirmed this week.

In a separate development, SIB has obtained similar injunctions against Randhir Singh, a former tied agent of Albany Life. The orders restrain Mr Singh from conducting investment business and from making misleading statements. He was not authorised to give investment advice.

The outlook for investors who expect some form of protection from either the government or financial legislation, appears bleaker than ever. Insurance companies are free to sign up anyone off the street as tied agents, regardless of whether they have been authorised previously or not.

All the company has to do is satisfy itself that the person is "fit and proper" to give investment advice. A string of cases this year appear to show that the system of financial regulation, set up to protect

criticised last year for failing to make proper checks, after the collapse of Homes Asured, a tied agent, which sold endowment policies to council tenants. Full checks would have revealed that two directors and one former director had been involved with at least five companies already in liquidation.

Checks made by Lauto last year found that a "regrettably large" number of its members were not up to the required standard.

Mr Kit Jebens, the chief executive, has said that a significant number of members had not been doing their job as thoroughly as expected.

In January, Lauto ordered the National Financial Management Corporation, a subsidiary of Target, to carry out an audit of all its tied agents. They included Garston Amhurst, which had collapsed. Investors went on to press TSB, the owner of Target at the time, to pay compensation. This it has agreed to do.

In April, SIB announced it was investigating the affairs of Anthony Weldon Tubbs, a former solicitor who was employed as a tied agent by Allied Dunbar, even though he had been struck off in 1971 for using clients' money.

Mr Tubbs was subsequently arrested, and the 20 creditors have had little hint of any compensation.

Allied Dunbar, which said it had taken up several references from Mr Tubbs, said it would consider any claims sympathetically.

## Watchdog looks closer into investment that never was

By OUR MONEY EDITOR

WHEN is an investment not an investment? That is the conundrum a company from Reading is posing to anyone with £250,000 to spare.

The Castlegate Group claims it gives a "20 per cent per annum no-risk return" by using investors' money to set up companies offering fixed rate mortgages at 23.2 per cent - about 7 per cent above the standard mortgage rate.

Roy Wharton, group chairman of the Reading-based company, says the Capital Fund Owners Plan does not need to be regulated by the Financial Services Act because it is not regarded as an investment.

At the Securities and Investments Board, the body that oversees the act, which came into force in 1988, a spokeswoman said that Castlegate was not authorised by any of the regulatory organisations.

But SIB was looking further into the details of the scheme, she said.

The trade and industry department confirmed that if a firm was selling an entire company it was exempt from the provisions of the Financial Services Act.

As it is not regulated, investors' money is not protected by the Investors Compensation Scheme, which could pay out up to £48,000 in the event of failure.

The money provided by quarter-millionaires becomes the working capital of limited companies that lend money in the form of mortgage advances. The glossy brochure does not make it clear that few of these loans are first loans on properties.

Mr Wharton said that most of the loans were second and third mortgages secured on domestic properties. Others are first mortgages to small building firms converting houses into flats.

The companies set up by Castlegate are owned and controlled by the investors, but Castlegate undertakes the administration and the management. It applies for consumer credit licences for the companies, vets the borrowers, processes the loans and collects the payments.

The money is loaned on ten-year, fixed-rate terms with the company always charging an annual percentage rate of 23.2 per cent or more for its loans. The brochure for the fund owners plan carries the legend "high return with security". It states that "in accordance with the Consumer Credit Act of 1974, the lending company will apply for a licence to the trade department in order to carry on the business of lending monies to individuals".

In fact, it is the Office of Fair Trading that handles such licence applications. The trade department has no record of Castlegate Securities, part of the group.



Castlegate's headquarters in London Street, Reading.

The OFT confirmed that Castlegate is licensed to operate consumer credit, consumer hire, credit brokerage, debt adjusting and counselling, and debt collecting businesses.

Mr Wharton said that he had never had a consumer credit licence application for one of the lending companies turned down, although he had refused to make applications for one or two people he thought were not suitable.

The cost of a licence is £400 and applicants have to fill out a seven-page form giving details of anyone who can influence or direct the way the business is run.

County court judgments and any convictions for fraud, dishonesty or violence must be listed, as must details of bankruptcies.

The OFT spokesman said it usually took eight weeks for applications to be processed. Companies cannot undertake credit business before a licence is granted.

Mr Wharton said that Castlegate Group had been formed as a brokerage in 1969 and the first lending company was formed in 1972.

Records at Companies House show that Castlegate Securities was incorporated in March 1988 and operated as Loribell until July of that year.

Mr Wharton said there was no long-term commitment needed from investors, even though the money was lent at a fixed mortgage rate over ten years. If a person needed their investment back the loans would be sold to another company.

The brochure states: "Over the past eight years, for personal reasons, three company owners have decided to withdraw their funds. In every case we have been able to sell the mortgages at their full current value to other companies."

Mr Wharton said that bor-

rowers paid from 1.75 per cent a month in interest and that Castlegate took 0.25 per cent as its management fee. Third mortgages were more expensive.

The interest rate never fell below 1.75 per cent even when bank base rates were half the current level, he added.

"If interest rates dropped dramatically we might change the basis on which we lend but would not reduce the rates."

But Mr Wharton denied that loans were risky and were made to people who could not borrow from conventional places such as banks and building societies.

"We have run this business for almost 20 years. Nobody has ever lost any money. We have been through ups and downs in interest rates and in property values, and we have kept the thing under control."

"And if there has been any problem, you know with a shortfall in a mortgage - I must say we don't have very many of them - Castlegate has met the difference so no lender has lost any money."

Mr Wharton said there was "absolutely no risk" but he said there was no insurance to ensure compensation for investors.

He then qualified his no risk statement, adding: "I must say to you in honesty, all terms are relative aren't they?"

Castlegate would have to find the funds if a loan turned sour, but he emphasised it would do so.

Larger and more experienced lenders, such as the Halifax and the Nationwide Anglia building societies, have made larger provisions against both domestic and commercial debts this year.

Typically, someone with £250,000 would make 12 or 13 loans at £20,000, said Mr Wharton. Before any mortgages were granted Castlegate visited the applicants in their homes.

The majority of borrowers are from the Reading area and applied for loans from advertisements in Yellow Pages and Thompson directories.

Mr Wharton said that the individual lending companies had the charge on the properties. He had been a director of the 60 lending companies but had decided it was not "fitting" and had resigned.

The company owner was now the only person who could sign for the charge on a property to be released.

The brochure also says it "should be recognised by principals that, as sole proprietors of limited companies, they have all the rights as well as the obligations in law that this implies".

Asked if he was a director of any other company, Mr Wharton replied: "Before I say no I just want to think to myself - nothing that is currently of any importance. I was a partner in a ladies fashion shop, no, not really, my whole business life is Castlegate."

"Prompt return of forms is not just for our benefit."

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## Employers face stiff penalties for failing to complete staff tax details by deadline

By RODNEY HOBSON

HOUSEHOLDERS who employ a nanny or housekeeper are among employers who face stiff penalties if they fail to fill in Pay As You Earn tax forms for the past financial year to April 5.

Under a tougher policy announced in the 1989 Budget, the returns must be in by August 19.

In a bid to stamp out late tax payments and the administrative problems they cause, the deadline will be brought

forward each year to reach May 19 by 1995. Employers earning more than the single person's tax allowance, currently standing at £3,005, are liable to pay tax. That means a form should be completed for anyone earning £58 a week or more.

If the Inland Revenue sends a form for someone earning less than that amount, it must still be completed and submitted.

A spokesman explained: "The employee could have

another job and we need to know about that person's total earnings."

Employers paying more than £58 a week who do not receive a form from the Inland Revenue are under an obligation to obtain one from their local tax office, which is listed in the telephone directory under Inland Revenue.

The tax office also has leaflet IR53, which opens out as a wall chart explaining how to fill in the employer's returns.

Penalties introduced this

year for late payment are up to £1,200 for employers with up to 50 employees. There are additional penalties for long delays.

The Inland Revenue spokesman said: "There have been some problems with forms being submitted late. If an employee wants to claim a tax rebate and the tax office does not know how much tax has been paid the case cannot be dealt with."

"Prompt return of forms is not just for our benefit."

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## A complex character at the heart of Wembley

By CAROL LEONARD

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Sir Brian Wolfson

SIR Brian Wolfson, the man behind Wembley, Britain's national stadium, is a workaholic who knows of only two ways to relax. "One is to read," he says. "The other is to make love." But he is usually too busy to do either.

Wolfson has other more pressing concerns on his mind. Instilled, at an early age, with his father's fighting spirit, he is not the sort of man to take the City's valuation of his stadium, arena and greyhound racing ground, lying down.

"My father had a very simple motto in life: no surrender," Wolfson recalls. "What he meant was that in any situation, no matter how difficult, you kept going until you had won. It left its stamp on me." Capitalised at £76 million and on a price earnings ratio of a little over 11 times earnings, Wembley is, he believes, far too cheap.

Like Richard Branson and Andrew Lloyd Webber before him, he would now like to take the company back into private hands. "If interest rates were not what they are, we would do it tomorrow," he says. "Finding the money is no problem, the problem is funding the cash flow at 16 per cent. We can't do it." But if rates were to come down he would do it in a flash. "We have looked at it quite seriously, I could even give you the numbers, but it wouldn't make you feel any better."

He was speaking from his office in the dank and dingy administration building at the heart of Wembley's 80-acre site. Fumes from lorries in the car park below, unloading equipment for a concert that night, filled the air.

His daily working environment contrasts starkly with the leather-seated luxury of the executive boxes and restaurants he had built along one side of the stadium two years ago. They are on a par with a five star hotel. More than £50 million has been spent on refurbishment and structural improvements. A further £25 million has yet to be spent.

"These boxes are better than any you'll find anywhere else in the world," he says proudly. "We spend a fortune maintaining them."

But there is no sign that any of that money has been used for Wolfson's own comfort. That would not be among his priorities. And that says a lot about the man.

Wolfson, aged 54, and knighted in the Queen's birthday honours last month, was first hailed as a whiz-kid by the national press 20 years ago, when he became joint group managing director of Granada Group at the age of 32.

He now manages to hold down the equivalent of three jobs. Each of them would be a full-time post for any normal person.

Previous chairmen of the Manpower Services Commission, each one of them able men, did it on a full-time basis. Wolfson now holds the equivalent position, in the government's renamed National Training Task Force, and manages to fit it in around a seven-days-a-week commitment to Wembley.

In his spare time he continues to oversee a diverse array of private interests spanning the worlds of shipping and property.

"I've always had a lot of energy," Wolfson says. He was a 400 metres running champion at the age of 15. "I can get

by on four or five hours sleep a night. I can sleep anywhere. Even here on the office floor. But every so often I go away completely and sleep for perhaps 12 hours in one go."

But for someone so hyperactive, he seems surprisingly at ease. He makes everyone he speaks to feel as if he has all the time in the world — even though he hasn't.

He is the sort of man you can imagine meditating in his rare moments alone in his Regents Park home. But the most he will admit to is a penchant for herbal tea.

Camomile, long recommended by herbalists for its sleep inducing qualities, is his favourite. But contrary to traditional prescription, he drinks it morning, noon and night. "You're supposed to drink it before you go to bed. I drink it all the time, to slow me down," Wolfson says.

Not seen at his best in group gatherings, he is difficult to get to know. When he speaks, in a more intimate environment, his potential can be seen. Ideas and concepts tumble forth with the speed with which a mechanical device might shell peas from a pod.

Wolfson pushes himself to the limit. "I go to virtually every event at Wembley. It's a seven-days-a-week, 24 hours-a-day job. You can't run this business without attending what goes on. It has to become part of your life. It's such a vast machine and there is no motivation like the footsteps of the master."

His day begins before 8am and invariably ends with a football match, race meeting or pop concert in the evening. But this pop culture isn't as alien as most people would assume. He grew up with

**"I'm a very physical person. I always try to get inside someone's head. I can usually work out what makes someone tick within minutes of meeting them"**

Brian Epstein, the Beatles' manager, and Alan Sytner, who ran the Cavern in Liverpool. "I went on holiday with Alan to Paris one year, and that's where he got the idea for the Cavern. He came back and opened it up."

Being chairman of Wembley is, he says, a very sociable job. He enjoys it enormously. "It has to be fun," he adds.

But the guests he entertains in the company's private boxes, influential though they may be, and almost always uttering superficial gratitude for their free tickets, seldom take the trouble to get to know him. "They probably see me as quite forceful, quite sharp, a very direct manager," he admits. "But not much more than that." He is, in fact, a complex man.

Wolfson, one suspects, is far more at ease with his own employees. Relationships there are less pretentious. As he rushes around the stadium at night — "It's half a mile around the top rim," he says — he looks more like a security man than the chairman of the company. His staff find him approachable, are mostly on first name terms and are fiercely loyal. He has had the

same secretary for more than 20 years. As befits the man who leads the government's retraining programme for the long-term unemployed, and is also on the board of Wharton, the American business school, he has strong views on management.

"A manager should be someone who tells you what they are going to do and then goes away and does it. Not someone who tells you about it afterwards. Communication is of paramount importance." Practising what he preaches, he addresses his entire permanent workforce of 300 once every three months. "We all sit down together, I discuss what is happening, they shout at me, I shout at them. We have a session. They are remarkably forthcoming."

"If we have actually improved anything at Wembley, it is the people. You can have good people but if they are not motivated you might as well have bad people. If people see I care enough to be here all the time, that affects their own attitude about being here."

Despite the professed sociability of his job, he seldom eats with his guests — "I might have a bowl of fruit" — and never drinks on the premises. "If you came to lunch here it would be dry. The staff aren't allowed to drink, and if they can't drink we believe that the management shouldn't either."

If he is handed a glass of champagne while socialising he will accept it and then put it, untouched, discreetly to one side. Ironically, given the emphasis he places on communica-

tion, his ongoing dissatisfaction with the City stems from confusion about the very nature of Wembley's business. "It's really a property company," says one analyst. Wolfson would disagree. "No one really knows anything about his strategy," says another. Yet Wolfson is only too eager to end such ignorance.

"We are a leisure company, with three core businesses. Sports and entertainment, exhibitions and conferences and services to the leisure industry, which threads through the whole thing."

As for future strategy, each of the company's three facets has, he says, room for expansion.

The Wembley complex is still being developed. Building work to double its exhibition space should be completed before the end of the year. In the autumn, work will begin on a leisure centre with a bingo hall, multiplex cinema, bowling alley and discotheque.

He is adamant that the company will not diversify "from what it does best — we are very brutal about sticking to what we know."

As for the property element, it is, he says, "a brutal discipline of alternate value", which supports the business.

"If a site can't work as a race track, can it be a hypermarket or something else? But it is not property in the normal sense."

"We look at it as underpinning an earnings performance, not as an end in itself. And we are unique as a leisure company in always showing our property profits as extraordinary. We do not put them in our normal earnings," Wolfson

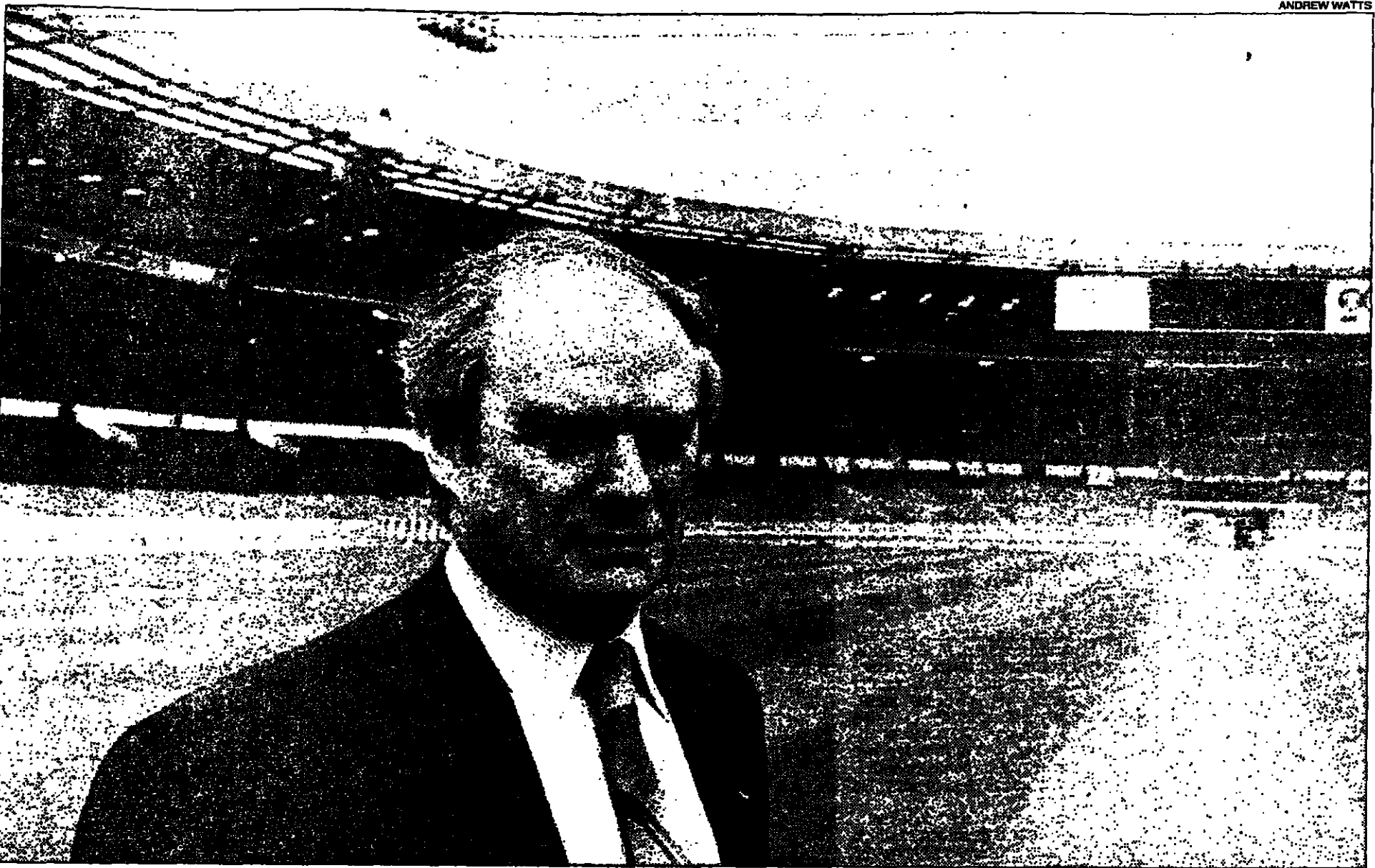
were making more than brain surgeons. As developers scrambled to build high-rise flats, many took advantage of Seventies laws and made fortunes converting rental buildings with sitting tenants into co-ops. Only 15 per cent of the flats had to be sold. The building owner, or sponsor, shouldered the burden of tenants who refused to buy their flats, but that was fine as long as the Wall Street band played on.

About six months after the 1987 crash, the music stopped and the city lost some 60,000 jobs in the financial industry. Prices have now fallen about 30 per cent, leaving thousands of owners grappling with the notion that they owe the bank more than their home is worth.

Some 200 of the development companies that sponsored co-ops have declared difficulty or defaulted in their share of the financing of co-op conversions, a move that portends possible ruin for flatowners. As shareholders, they inherit the sponsors' debts on the building and share of the often formidable monthly maintenance charges.

At Manhattan dinner parties the talk used to be about high ceilings and walk-in closets, prized items in a space-starved city. Now jittery flatholders reassure each other like people awaiting the next wave of enemy bombers. "Things can't keep going down," they say. "People will always want to live here."

Some think New York should at least try to shore up morale with a version of a scheme just applied in the suburb of Rockville, Long Island. The town council there was concerned by the plethora of "for sale" signs on every street so it put a \$60 tax on them and banned all but the smallest signs.



Too busy to relax: Sir Brian Wolfson, the workaholic head of Wembley, holds down the equivalent to three jobs, each enough to keep a less active man fully employed

learned his business principles at an early age. His father's death at the age of 44, when Wolfson was just 15, meant that he forsook an earlier ambition to take a law degree in order to salvage the family business, a motor distributorship in Liverpool.

That business went bust. "Facing a roomful of angry creditors when you are 17 tends to leave a lasting impression," he says.

His mother's death ten years later left Wolfson alone in the world and although he says he is not a religious man, he admits that he found the traditional mourning process associated with his Jewish

faith "a great comfort". He returns to the synagogue of his childhood, in Liverpool, once or twice a year.

"It's more of a social thing for me really, a chance to meet up with old friends."

True to his roots, he also remains an ardent supporter of Liverpool Football Club.

But for a man so closely associated with the present government, through his involvement with the Department of Employment, it is surprising to hear him describe himself as apolitical. "If anything, I'm left of centre," he says, when pushed.

"For many years I voted Liberal in the hope that they

would eventually get somewhere."

Separated from his wife, but with two adult children on whom he dotes, he is reluctant to discuss his private life further. "I'm a very private man."

And a difficult man to get to know. But those who make the effort are likely to remain friends for life.

One associate, who once found himself in need, says: "He is the sort of man who turns out to be your friend when you need a friend most."

Momentarily away from it all, in a corner of his own box, and just as Mick Jagger strutted on to the stage below, I

pressed him once again about the "private man" he claimed to be. "I'm a very physical person. I always try to get inside someone's head. I can usually work out what makes someone tick within minutes of meeting them." It's a game he plays constantly.

Forced to contemplate the workings of his mind, he quotes Professor Roland Smith, whom he describes as "a close personal friend".

"He always says that he should have been the businessman and that I should have been the academic." Anyone else who knows Wolfson well would, of course, agree.

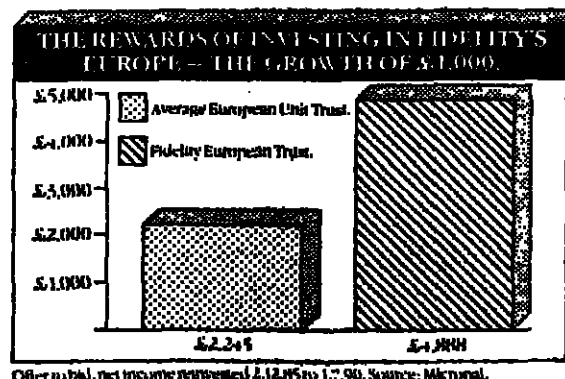
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## Poetic justice of property slump

TOM WOLFE's fable of New York in the Eighties, *Bonfire of the Vanities*, tells how Sherman McCoy, the hero, is flung out of his Park Avenue flat. When the bond trader suffered scandal, his co-op board simply evicted him. In these chastened days, the board would not throw him out. Instead, it would probably agonise over his ability to keep up the maintenance fees.

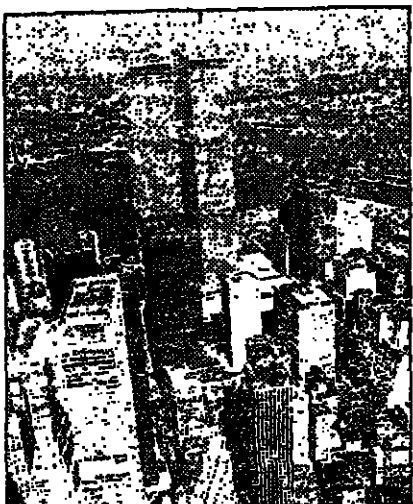
Northeastern America, like Britain, is suffering a property slump. The crunch is hitting New York and the hardest hit are the owners of co-operative apartments, that object of yuppie desire which proliferated in the past decade. Co-ops were devised in gentler days to give flat owners greater control than in condominiums. With the condo you just own your flat. Any riff-raff can move in down the corridor. With the co-op, you are a shareholder in the company that owns the building. To buy a co-op you have to pass an interview with the board of owners.

There are many reasons for the property crisis and poetic justice is, undoubtedly, one of them. Nowhere did people make such a killing in real estate as they did in Manhattan in the Eighties — not just the Donald Trumps of this world, but many of the ambitious middle class. New York had always been a city of renters. Much of the bourgeoisie still pay rents about level with a British council house. For example, Edward Koch, the last mayor, has lived for years in a comfortable, controlled Greenwich Village apartment.

The picture changed with the Wall Street bonanza and property tax abatements bestowed to cure the fiscal crisis of the Seventies. By 1987, Manhattan flat

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High-cost high-rises in Manhattan

prices had leapt 500 per cent, driven by the space shortage and the gospel of the leveraged lifestyle. People would queue to get first crack at lofts and windowless "shoe-boxes".

A million dollars became the starting price for relatively humble dwellings on the upper East Side and estate agents



SUMMARY

Returns of 20% promised

A CLAIM by an investment scheme to give a return of 20 per cent per year at no risk is investigated by *Weekend Money* this week. The Capital Fund Owners Plan, run by The Castlegate Group of Reading, Berkshire, uses mortgages to deliver the higher returns. But neither the scheme nor the company are authorised. Page 50

Wolf clothing



In his first major interview since he took control of Wembley four years ago, Sir Brian Wolfson talks to Carol Leonard about business, sex and rock and roll. Page 51

Fly-drive

Tourists who hire a car when on holiday in America should make sure their insurance is up to scratch. Page 47

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House values may be ready to rise again, but investors should be wary of rushing into property unit trusts. Opinions about the trusts are divided, and savers who buy the shares too soon could be in for an unpleasant surprise. Page 44

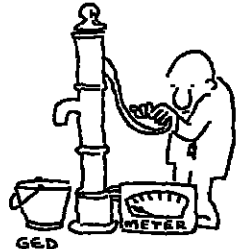
Wireless tone

Cable and Wireless has launched a personal equity plan which splits investment between the company's shares and unit trusts. Other corporate Peps have been criticised for limiting choice, but the new plan could set the tone for the future. Page 46

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Hopes for an early cut in interest rates have not dampened enthusiasm for fixed rate mortgages which lock borrowers in below market levels. *Weekend Money* looks at the latest offers. Page 46

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The number of landlords in Britain is booming, as high interest rates drive owners to rent out their homes. Others are taking advantage of the slump in property prices to buy homes and rent them out to help pay off the mortgage. Page 48

Rule changes

Next week the board of the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) will be considering changes to its rules to strengthen the supervision by insurance companies of tied agents. The move follows concern about the activities of some appointed representatives. Three companies have already been required to carry out compliance checks on their agents this year. Reliance Mutual is likely to be next as it will have to show Lautro that its representatives are complying with every single rule. Meanwhile two unauthorised investment advisers, who are both former tied agents, have raised new fears about financial regulation. Page 50

# Round-the-clock answers to questions of finance at the end of a telephone

By WILLIAM GREAVES

JOHN Beveridge is the sort of person who has to get up when he wakes. So at five o'clock one morning, he climbed out of bed at home in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and rang his bank.

About 180 miles away, behind locked doors in the Arlington Business Centre on the outskirts of Leeds, Karen McKenzie, aged 21, sat in readiness. She had been there since midnight. "Good morning," she said, in a cheerful, friendly tone. "Firstdirect Bank, how can we help you?"

There are those who have seen advertisements for Britain's only 24-hour, 365-day branchless bank, but disbelieve its claims of instant, round-the-clock service. The call and ask: "Are you an answer phone?"

But on this occasion, there was no such scepticism. Mr Beveridge, the marketing manager of a computer company, was a regular customer. He gave his name, address and postcode, to which Miss McKenzie's computer directed her to ask him for two letters from his chosen password. She was not allowed to know the full word.

The machine then asked one of three personal questions, to which only the customer could know the answer.

Mr Beveridge wanted Firstdirect, which is a subsidiary of Midland Bank, to pay off his credit and charge cards. Not necessarily straight away, of course. A couple of them were urgent, but Access could wait a while, so would Karen please mark that bill for payment in a couple of weeks' time? "Of course, sir."

Since about 1.30am, there had been just three staff holding the fort: Miss McKenzie, her colleague Adele Boudouko, and Andrew Wharton, the man in charge. But at 11pm, seven hours after many high street banks had closed their doors to the public, the floor, 50,000 sq ft of it, had been milling with people and flickering merrily with electronic messages in an atmosphere of almost uncanny anachronism, as though someone had forgotten to sound the hooter which should have sent them scuttling home to the bosom of their families and the solace of television.

No less than 25 people manned the phones and computers of the call centre. Three more staff dealt with financial services such as personal loans and mortgages, yet another three coped with customer care, including loss of cards and fraud, while two men looked after the bank's computer system.

On the other end of the telephone lines were about 50,000 customers who were similarly not prepared to observe the strictures of banking's traditional hours.

Mike Harris, the bank's chief executive, is cagey on figures. He said that customers who wake up



Night shift: Karen McKenzie offers a cheerful greeting and helpful service, no matter what time a customer calls Firstdirect Bank

in the night fretting over the state of their current account balance or realising that they needed a loan to complete a breakfast-time deal, are among those who would rather put their minds at rest with a telephone call there and then before going back to sleep.

Not that Gina Botterill, of Bray in Berkshire, had any real worries when she rang at 11.20pm. "I am an executive secretary at a large management consultancy and find

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it difficult to concentrate on personal matters in a working environment," she explained. "After recently asking for a couple of standing orders to be set up, I just wanted to make sure they were OK before I went to bed."

Mark Cromack, one of the call centre's co-ordinators, kept watch on his monitor. Incoming calls are routed automatically to a free

position, but that procedure is also under constant check.

Mr Cromack said: "Let's see what the score is at the moment. Denis is available, David and John are dealing with clients, Steven's on wrap-up, that means he is processing whatever he's been asked to set in motion before making himself available to deal with his next customer. . . . Ten operators were talking to clients. It was half an hour to midnight."

High on the wall, a screen spelled out the latest exhortation: "Personal loans opened this month: 76. Well done!" Another message displayed the number of incoming calls awaiting answer. It had not varied from nought for the last two hours.

The vast open plan room is part of a modern commercial estate and its electronic impersonality is softened by an abundance of exotic plants.

The locked doors and the physical absence of customers give the room an intimate, bunker-like atmosphere. First names are used and the daytime crèche of anything up to 30 children adds to the family ambience. Mr Cromack said: "We expect calls to be answered within ten seconds."

Existing customers call on our 0345 number, which means they pay for a local call and we pick up the bill for the rest, and people

who want information use the freephone 0800, and the terminals tell each operator which one it is. "People who ring up at night tend to talk more. The calls last a lot longer because the customers are more relaxed."

In the financial services department, Chris Trafford was having a steady evening. At 10.30pm, a man from Hertfordshire phoned to say he had some shares to sell and wanted to know the current prices. Three quarters of an hour, and several calls later, a man in Berlin wanted his Visa card limit increased.

Mr Trafford said: "He wanted to get home to Britain and hadn't enough money for the ticket. I asked him to ring back in a quarter of an hour, and by that time I had arranged for his limit to be put up from £500 to £1,000."

Although his department closes down for a few hours at night, a number of experts are provided with mobile phones and paid a £12 disturbance fee if they have to be woken to provide a customer with advice.

By the time of the second call from Berlin, Pam Simpson and her husband, Gordon, were nearing the end of a wearisome 400-mile car journey from the south coast to Edinburgh at the start of their holiday.

Mrs Simpson's call came

through at 12.50am. "We've got a couple of charge card accounts and we've just remembered that we failed to pay them before we set off," she explained.

"It still seems a bit odd talking to a bank at this time of the morning but it's nice to get the problem sorted out before going to bed."

Her call was received by Jane Oldroyd, aged 26, who had driven to work from her home in nearby

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Pudsey and had another 40 minutes before finishing her shift.

"My husband is a long-distance lorry driver and is often away for anything up to two weeks," she said. "It's the evenings when you tend to feel lonely and this job is a wonderful way of getting through them. People are so friendly. I've just had a man on who said he wanted to check his balance before

he had his bedtime cup of hot chocolate. I gave him the figures and said 'wouldn't you rather have a brandy now?' He was really nice. You forget how late it is when you are enjoying yourself."

Although Firstdirect's clientele is entirely composed of voices on the other end of the telephone, Mr Harris has built up their collective image. "They tend to be younger, 67 per cent are between 25 and 44, compared with the clearing banks' figure of about 37 per cent," he says. "And their income is rather above average, too. We took a stand at the Royal Show recently, and quite a lot of our clients turned up just to see what we looked like!"

By 1.30am, Mark Cromack had handed over control to Andrew Wharton and he and his two colleagues dealt with work left over by the day staff as the gaps between the calls lengthened.

If the previous night was anything to go by, 40 calls would be registered between midnight and 4am and another 64 by 8am.

"We have our regular friends, many of whom are calling from abroad, and then there are always the unusual ones," said Mr Wharton.

"One person rang at about six in the morning to say that his daughter had an exam next day and could we provide him with a list of all the South American currencies. We had to look it up—but we were able to give it to him."

There was nothing unusual, however, about the southwest London hedge visitor who called soon after 2am to "sort out my balance and pay some bills."

She was not, she insisted, an insomniac and she would normally be fast asleep at such a time.

"But I'm setting off for Portsmouth in an hour's time to catch the ferry to France and I preferred to spend the day shopping and packing and this evening having a nice dinner—knowing that I could leave this little job until the last minute."

Several hours later—at 6.20am—a 27-year-old company director from Suffolk came on the line, sounding decidedly agitated.

Relieved to find the balance of his account intact, he asked for all his identification details to be altered, including the password.

"My wife left me two or three weeks ago," he said later, "and when I woke up I suddenly realised that she had access to everything I had in the bank. It brought me up with quite a jolt, but fortunately everything is all right."

The calls were then coming in thick and fast.

As a hazy dawn gave way to bright sunshine and in three hours Britain's clearing banks would be open for business, Karen McKenzie left for home. "My dog will be ready for a good walk when I get back," she said, "so it will probably be after lunch before I get to bed."

## Ring the changes with a fast expanding system of banking

By LINDSAY COOK  
MONEY EDITOR

ONE million customers bank by telephone in Britain using services set up by ten financial institutions. TSB is the leader with 250,000 customers and is adding almost 2,000 a week.

Nationwide Anglia building society has more than 100,000 telephone customers and National & Provincial building society gained 50,000 customers in the first three months of its telephone banking. The Royal Bank of Scotland plans to set up a national telephone banking system in September after trials in four areas. Lloyds Bank discontinued its pilot in April and has no plans to try again. But it has installed answerphones in all its branches.

Earlier this year Nexus Payment Systems International reported that telephone banking was one of the fastest growing markets. "Evidence suggests that the pattern of market penetration will follow that of automated teller machine services, but on a more compressed timescale," said the report.

It estimated that telephone banking would have full market penetration in five to seven years.

There are two main types of telephone banking. The first and most common uses a tone pad or dual dial telephone. By pressing buttons the caller can transfer money between accounts, pay bills, and request a current account balance or mini statement.

Voice recognition systems can provide the same services. Clydesdale Bank, Girobank and National Westminster Bank are among the providers of voice recognition telephone banking. Lloyds also offered this system in its experimental involving 1,000 customers.

Telephone transactions are between 50p and £1 cheaper than those made across a bank counter,



Telephone link: Ray Murphy checks on his account

according to Nexus. Some banks subsidise customers by paying the difference between a local telephone call and the long distance one to the centre.

At TSB there is a £2.50 a quarter charge for the Speedlink service, which allows customers to pay up to 31 regular bills automatically. Available 24 hours a day all year round for personal and business customers, it can be accessed from telephones at home, in the office and from pay phones in this country and abroad.

Ray Murphy at TSB said the most regular requests were for a list of the last half dozen transactions made and calls to find out

if a salary cheque had arrived before the customer goes to the cash dispenser to make a withdrawal. "There is a certain amount of nervousness with new customers. In the early days they only want to check their balance and get statements but as they become regular users they start to pay more and more bills."

The Bank of Scotland's Home and Office Banking Service is available from 7am to 11pm on weekdays and until 11pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

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